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EDITORIAL

Chris Durrant | June Editor

Chris and his wife Shirley came to Darlington many years ago and have never left. All 4 children were brought up here and went to Darlington Primary. Having spent his working life as a financial manager, a pig farmer, and a school teacher, in his retirement Chris has written three novels (so far) and has been a regular Acting Editor of the Review.

I have noticed, as I dare say many of you also have, that the older you get, the more quickly the months seem to fly by. It certainly does not seem 10 months since my last occupation of the Review Editor's chair, but the record shows that it is. Since then, of course, we have been enjoying (suffering from?) the hottest and driest summer and autumn anyone can remember. This is continuing at the time of writing, at least as far as the lack of rain is concerned. Like most Darlington residents, I have spent a lot of time plodding round our garden with watering cans trying to keep plants alive, and numerous Friends groups around our suburb have been doing the same (more on Friends groups later). These efforts have not always been successful and it is sad to walk through the bush and see so many previously vigorous and healthy native trees and bushes that have simply turned up their root tips and called it a day.

What I have found quite interesting is that, at least in the short term, the wild life around us does not appear to have been too adversely affected. The possums still hiss at each other in the roof, the bandicoots dig the same holes in the lawn and get stuck into the chook food, and we seem to have no fewer birds calling to each other and chattering in the trees.

Strangely, though, I see fewer of our avian friends in the bird-baths that we have around our garden. Are they getting their water somewhere else? Do they use the bird-baths mainly for bathing and don't bother with this when it is so dry and hot? I'm sure there is an avian expert out there who can answer these questions for us. One user of the bird-baths that I have certainly noticed much more this year is the honey-bee. When we bought our house from Mary and Ulick Gage many years ago, it came with a bee-hive. The Gages' immediate residential plans were a bit fluid, so Mary was quite happy to leave the hive to us and I became, unintentionally, a bee-keeper. Since then, we have had between one and three hives, settling down some time ago to two, both permanently located in our garden. In the hot weather, the bees are always keen to replenish their water stocks and you can see them on the moist soil in the pots in the shade-house, foraging in the plants that grow in the fish-pond, and helping themselves to the saucers round the bottom of potted plants that have just been watered.

This year, for the first time, I have noticed them clustering round the rim of the bird-baths. Their favourite one, strangely the one furthest from the hives, will occasionally have as many as 40 little buzzers clustering round the edge with their faces in the water. Picture at the top of the page is of some of these, though on a cooler day, so the queue is not so great.

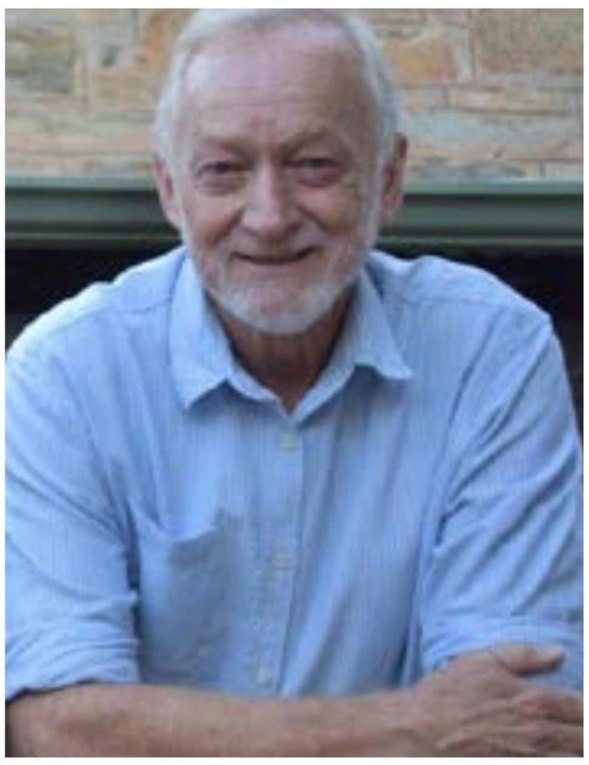
What's the score?

As many of you will know, because you took part in it, the Shire conducted a recent survey, a lengthy consultation process through workshops, forums and meetings, to find out what its ratepayers think about the Shire's activities, where they would like to see more attention given, and what they are happy with. Over 3,000 residents participated in the survey, which is a reasonable proportion of our Shire's population. The result of this process, which the Shire does every two years, is a Community Scorecard which will be used to guide the Shire in its plans for 2024 and beyond. Cr McNeil recently announced the results of the survey, which, given the number of residents taking part, I'm sure you will agree would represent a very valid reflection of the Mundaring community's views. There are plenty of areas where the general verdict on Shire performance is positive – libraries, emergency management and sports facilities for example – and others where it is suggested that there is "a community desire for continued investment" or "areas of opportunity", in other words "could do better!" These include a continued investment in environmental management, and better showcasing of our arts, culture and tourism. If you'd like to read the detail (and there is plenty of it) it can be found through the Shire web site at https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/search/?input=community%20scorecard

The Shire under new CEO Jason Whiteaker and its Council will be considering the results of the Scorecard in their planning meetings over the next couple of months, resulting in a new Council Plan to be finalised in July. I think the Council should be congratulated on going to so much trouble to find out what we want done and, it is to be hoped, going on and doing it!

Shire President Paige McNeil

Wrap up!



Chief Wrapper Chris Arnold

Regular readers of the Review will recall a piece in Trea's editorial for the March 2023 edition about an ambitious plan being discussed for the rehabilitation of the wetland area just downhill from the skate-park and the Community Garden. Originally part of DCRAG's Lower Area Masterplan (LAMP) the project now has its own acronym – WRAP, standing for Wetland Rehabilitation Action Plan. More importantly, it has now passed the stage of planning and the next few months will see plans put into action. I spoke to geologist, long-term Darlington resident and active participant in community action, Chris Arnold about the project to which he has devoted so much of his time and energy over the past few months. He told me that they have been able to secure funding as well as some 'in kind' assistance from the Shire, and a grant from the Community Rivercare Group. An additional grant is being sought from the Swan/Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP – don't you love these snappy acronyms?)

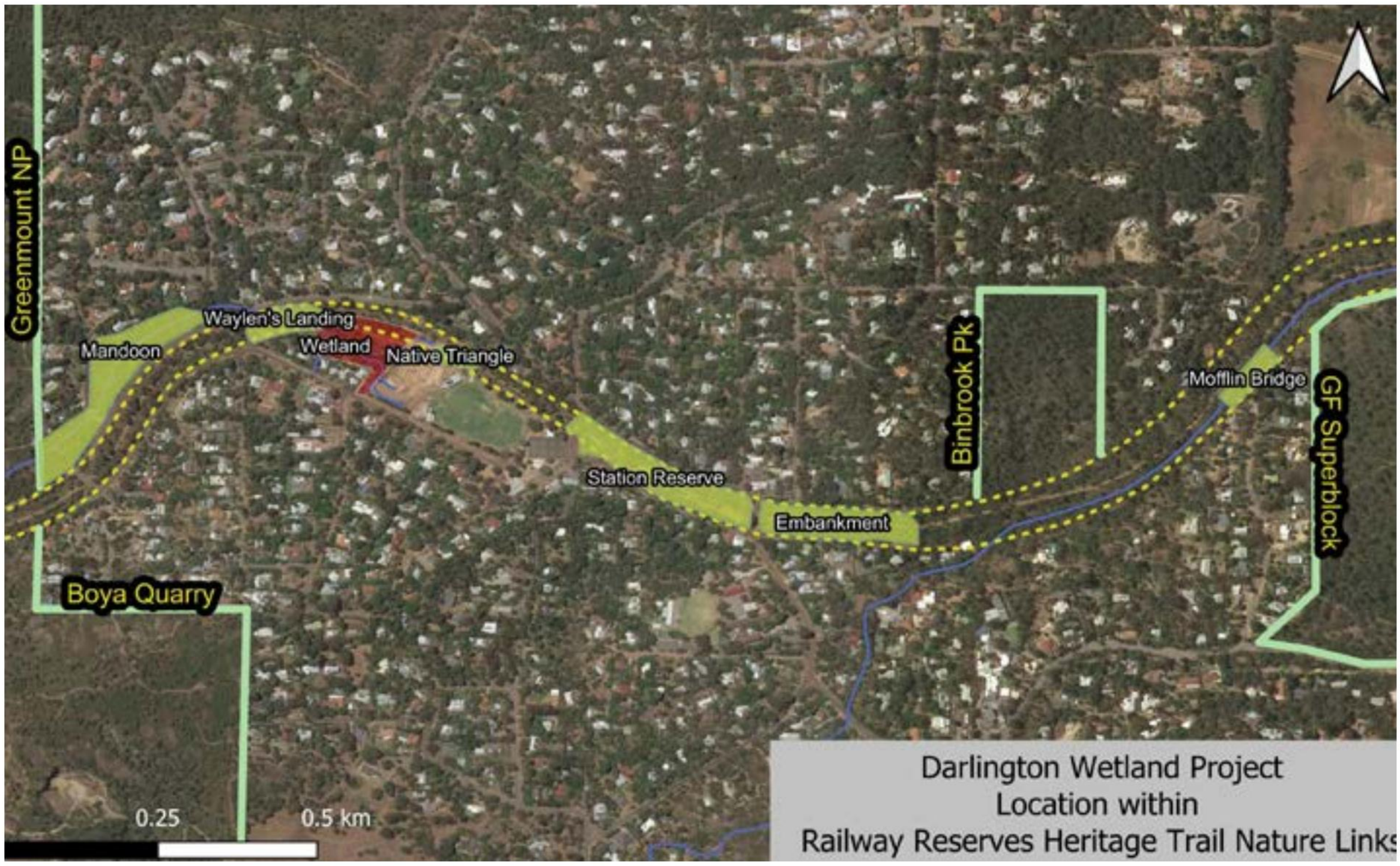
These will be used for large-scale weed control (especially of the pervasive kikuyu grass) and the removal of some, though not necessarily all, of the exotic trees growing in the area. There will also be substantial earthworks to further redirect water drainage from the oval and adjacent streets into the wetland area. Following this preparation work, there will be the usual need for revegetation and maintenance, and a friends group – Friends of Darlington Wetlands – has been set up and held its first, encouragingly well-attended, meeting in late April. Community engagement and information will remain important, and Chris mentioned some of the other things that might be done over the next couple of years to help Darlington folk share in the transformation of this precious area in the heart of our village – access steps down from the Community Garden, a walk-through trail, a nature play area, to name but a few. This is, he emphasised, a two to three year plan but we are going to see things happening very soon and will be given every chance to play our own part in them. Exciting days ahead!

The little map below shows the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail winding through Darlington from the Glen Forrest Superblock to the Greenmount National Park, like a necklace string, as Chris put it, with the jewels of the various Friends areas clinging to it all the way down.

We all need Friends

Unsurprisingly for a community like ours, Darlington has numerous Friends groups looking after some particular part of our beautiful village, and I thought it might be good to list them so you have a handy guide to who they are and how to contact them. Some are quite prominent and you will have read about them often in the Review, others less well known. I hope I haven't missed any out. Let me know if your group didn't get a guernsey, and I will repair the omission next month (yes, you are going to have to put up with me again!).

- **Friends of Darlington Station Reserve (FODS)** Over a number of years, we (I have for some time been a foot-soldier in this little army) have been planting, watering and weeding the bush in and around the old Darlington Station. Contact Jane Arnold at arnoldmj55@gmail.com or 0477987048.
- **Friends of Glen Park Reserve (FGPR)** They continue to do great work restoring the bush either side of Nyaania Creek at the bottom of Glen Road. Contact Glenys Letchford on 0467586050.
- **Friends of Waylen's Landing (FOWL)** Looking after the bush at the western end of the Darlington WRAP area (see previous section). Contact Andrew Leitch 92521879 or info@westernleathercraft.com.au
- **Friends of the Native Triangle (FONT)** Started by Trish Cook and Sonja Parker back in 2019 to improve the area of



WRAP-Map

bushland just north of the pavilion. Exotic trees have been removed and earthworks carried out and there is an ongoing weeding and replanting programme. Coordinators are now Kim Nawell (040818 22958 or kimnawell@gmail.com) and Karalie McKenzie (0424288341 or kazbah08@gmail.com).

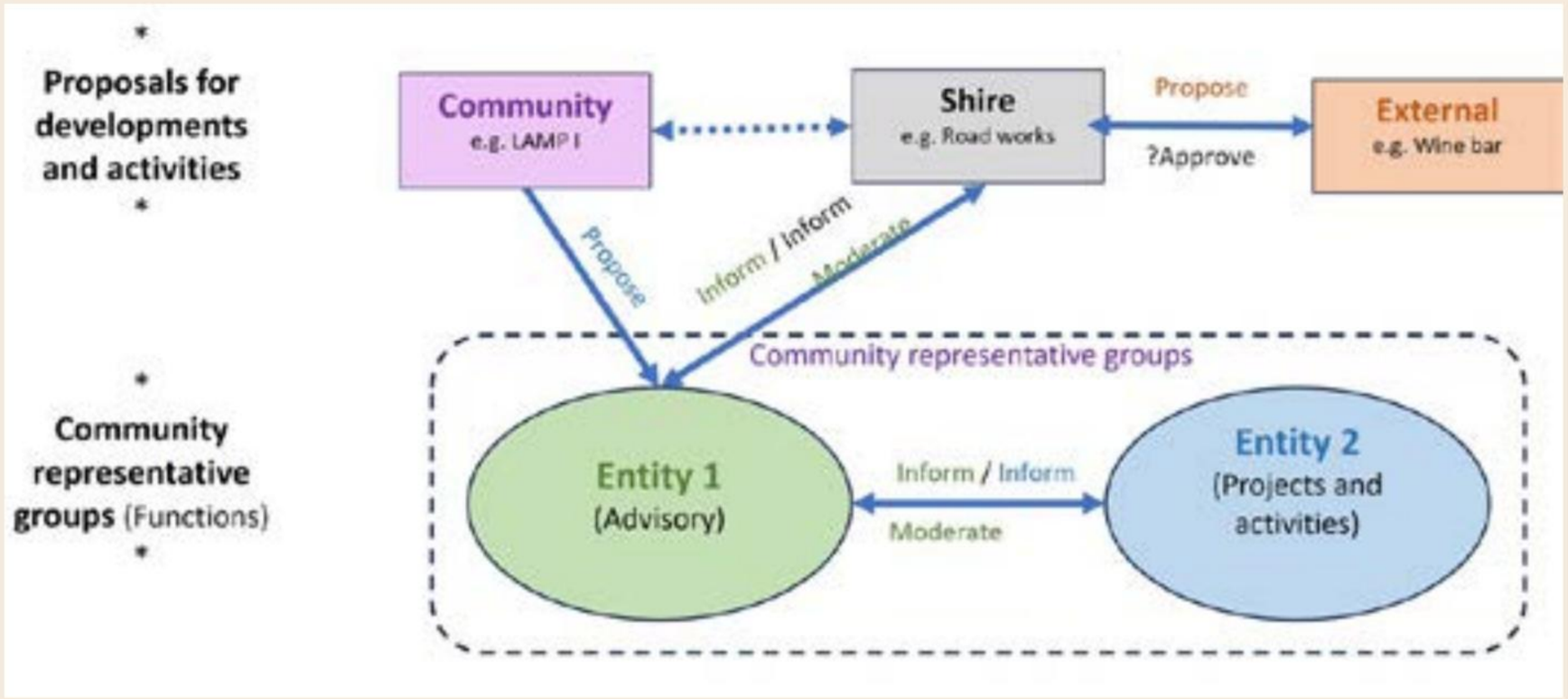
- **Friends of the Bilgoman Well (FOBWE)** Rehabilitating the area just west of the Aquatic Centre around the old 19th Century well and the ruins of the huts that convicts were accommodated in when they worked on the road to the Goldfields and beyond. They are (with help from students of Helena College) planting trees and bushes, maintaining the path and the surrounds of the Well, and (we hope) organizing some new informative signs by the well and the ruins. Contact me at chrisctd@bigpond.com or 92996093.
- **Friends of Darlington Wetlands (FODW)** See piece on WRAP above. The person to contact is Kasia Thomson - kasiamthomson@gmail.com.
- **Friends of Mofflin Bridge (FOMB)** Looking after the bridge that goes across the creek between the end of Mofflin Avenue and the Railway Reserve and the surrounding bush. If you'd like to be involved, contact Kylie Brinfield at kbrinfield@gmail.com
- **Friends of Mandoon Park (FOMP)** Restoring the area on the Saw Estate side of Coulston Road from Saw Drive to beyond Mandoon Close. They have just obtained a substantial grant from the DBCA so exciting things will be happening there. Contact Louise Stelfox louise.stelfox@bigpond.com or phone 0437 310 578. Incidentally, I wonder if anybody down at the DBCA has considered how much easier it would have been for the public if, when they renamed the Department, they had called it the Attractions, Biodiversity and Conservation Department – ABCD?
- **Wildlife of Reserves Darlington (WORD)** An exciting new project to tackle the problem of maintaining habitat for wild animals in our village and the surrounding bush. We will have a full article about it in next month's Review, but if you want to find out more in the meantime, Louise Stelfox (contact details above under FOMP) is the person to speak to. The picture below shows some of the local folk who have put this together with 'Eagle-man' Simon Cherriman.

Word Committee: Liz Dumont, Chris Arnold, David Kovak, Louise Stelfox, Jane Arnold

Where there's a will…

The plan for after DCRAG

When we learned that the Darlington Community Advisory Group (DCRAG) would no longer exist as a Shire advisory group, a number of committed locals determined that the momentum and skills embedded in the group – and its off-shoot, the Darlington Sports and Recreation Association (DaSRA) – could not be lost to the community.



The Review has previously reported that local resident Chris Arnold, a member of our three major community groups – DCRAG, DaSRA and the Darlington Ratepayers and Residents Association (DRRA) – has presented local meetings with a re-imagining of how these three groups could morph into two stronger entities that would serve our community into the future.

Chris's concept envisages the roles of DRRA, DaSRA and DCRAG being embedded in two closely-aligned entities (see diagram) to better represent community needs and aspirations, liaise more effectively with the Shire and continue to initiate and assist with the delivery of community-supported projects.

At a February meeting, there was significant support to take these ideas forward and, in early May, a meeting attended by local groups was held. Chris again outlined his concept and welcomed further input. Those attending the meeting – facilitated by Geoff Barker – exchanged views, reaching a positive consensus that the concept should be taken forward and refined as needed. Chris and Geoff agreed to keep the community informed about the next meeting in June.

David Lavell, whose pro bono engineering skills have underpinned many local projects, thanked Chris and Geoff for leading a meeting that was informed by a variety of opinions from representatives of DRRA, DCRAG and DaSRA and the Darlington History Group. "We needed to move forward," he observed.

We'll keep you posted, but the heartening vibe at the meeting suggested we could be on the threshold of positive change – and Darlington's 'better angels' were definitely hovering over proceedings! (with thanks to Trea Wiltshire).

It's our association!

Malcolm Firth and Karen Gray

Speaking of DRRA, I attended the May community meeting, chaired by Vice-President Raymond Leclezio in the absence overseas of President Louise Stelfox. There were not many people there, though all who did attend contributed to some lively discussions on matters such as the proposed new BBQ in front of the Hall, the possibility of requesting a 40 km/h speed limit in central Darlington and who should be invited to address community meetings. Some of these (and perhaps other issues) will no doubt be addressed in DRRA's notes elsewhere in this Review. One very good development for DRRA has been that they have at last found a replacement as Secretary for Anthony Spagnolo. That is Karen Gray, a long-time Darlington resident, and a former DRRA committee member and Shire Councillor, who will bring a wealth of experience and good sense to this very important role. Another recent recruit to the committee is Malcolm Firth, also a long-term resident with a history of involvement in community affairs. I was reminded what an important part of our lives DRRA can be, especially if controversies arise, when it can provide a forum for our discussion and can make representations on our behalf to the Shire and other authorities with whom we might take issue. It deserves our support, whether it is by joining as a member ($15 annually) to help cover its fairly modest expenses and/or turning up occasionally to their monthly community meetings (next one on Thursday 13th June). Think about it!

Home security

I think most people have always regarded Darlington as a relatively safe place. When our youngest child was a small boy, one of his heroes was Inspector Gadget, and he spent a lot of his time dressed in a Gadget-like hat and raincoat, prowling around the property looking for crimes to solve. His big complaint was that there just was no crime here for him to investigate. Now this may have been true more than thirty years ago but is undoubtedly no longer the case. An anonymous contributor to the Darlington Hub recently began a thread saying that they were moving to Darlington soon and were wondering about the safety and security measures that people take to protect their homes – do they lock their houses up at night or during the day, that sort of thing? This apparently brought forth a whole host of

Darlington's protector.

contributors saying that Darlington is really safe, that they sleep with their windows and doors unlocked, sometimes leave their keys in the car etc. One person alone disputed this, relating her very recent experience of having a would-be robber break into her house at 11.00 one night. She and her husband were able to overpower the intruder and force him outside while their two small children howled in fear as she attempted to contact the police. While this was going on, several cars passed by on the road past the house but none of them bothered to stop and see if they could help. Nor did any of those who had been spruiking the safety of our suburb respond to her story in any way, none of which reflects the caring and community-oriented attitude that we would like to think is typical of Darlington.

This lady's experience was perhaps somewhat extreme, but I am sure that we all know people who have suffered burglaries in recent years, the local shops have all had several break-ins, and there have been other incidents like the shooting outside the Hive some years back. This all tells us that, while Darlington may not be considered a dangerous neighbourhood, it would be foolish to pretend that it is some sort of crime-free paradise. The administrator of the Hub certainly shared this view and has taken down the thread, pointing out that advertising to the world that we do not lock doors and windows is unwise. Even if the original contributor was genuine, which must be open to doubt, publicising the fact that many people in our community take little or no care about security cannot be helpful. If the bad guys read that, which is not impossible, they will be rubbing their hands together and saying "grab the gloves, balaclavas, jemmies and baseball bats! We're going up the Hill to get rich quickly!"

And don't expect Inspector Gadget (a.k.a. our son Matt) to do anything about it. He is currently resident in Los Angeles, where living in the suburbs is really dangerous!

All change!

Ailsa Paterson

We live in a changing world. Some of these changes are good and improve our lives. Some are not so good. Some we probably just have to accept and make the best of: some we can legitimately try to avoid or mitigate. The big question is "what can we do to avoid or mitigate undesirable changes?" The answer is – start at the bottom, at grass-roots level. Depending on what you are trying to achieve, changing peoples' minds can of itself be beneficial. If you are lucky enough to live, as we do, in a democracy, people can also be expected to take their message to those higher up the food chain who can make the large-scale strategic changes that will be needed.

I would think that the most far-reaching and potentially influential development in our lives is climate change, and it was with this in mind that I had the pleasure recently of chatting with Ailsa Paterson, the Secretary of Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group (PHCCIG – use of acronyms is eco-friendly: in the end we will need to use less paper).

Originally from Scotland, Ailsa came to Oz for a temporary stay over 50 years ago. She is still here and for four decades has called the Hills home, first in Parkerville and now Stoneville (she can't have heard of Darlington when she first arrived!).

She was drawn onto the PHCCIG committee when it was formed five years ago. They started off as a climate sub-committee of a now defunct body called Mundaring in Transition but have survived their parent to become a not-for-profit organization in their own right. The Group's objectives are:

- To support activities that may lead to a sustainable, carbon neutral and positive future
- To promote climate emergency policies and activities and low carbon initiatives in the Perth Hills
- To inform and educate us about climate change and a sustainable future
- To advocate for action on climate change
- To collaborate with organisations and leaders holding similar aims.

They achieve their aims by making representations on climate matters to politicians and local governments, holding periodical public forums to discuss such matters, and having stalls at local shows and events.

As Ailsa told me, they would like to get their message, in as positive a way as possible, to as many people as possible. The 'positive' angle is very important: a critical and confrontational approach is more likely to result in a defensive and uncooperative reaction. You want people supporting you, not being given reasons why they shouldn't. We can all do something. One person's decision to stop using plastic bags, to plant some bushes, to speak to their MP might, by itself, be completely insignificant. If 25 million individuals start doing these things, it will count.

Councillors reading this will be happy to learn that Ailsa had good things to say about our Shire, their attitude to climate change and the things they have done to reduce carbon output such as the recently-agreed switch to LED street lights. Their original target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% from the 2016/17 baseline by 2030 was achieved last year, and their 2024 plan aims to reduce them by 70% by 2030.

PHCCIG is entirely run by volunteers and their fairly modest expenses have been met by a small grant from the Shire and income from Containers for Change. They would love your support, whether on the committee or just as a foot-soldier and you can find out what you need to do to contact them on their web site at https://phccig.org. You could also direct to them your income from what you take along to Containers for Change. Every little helps!

Whats' On

Darlington Chamber Music Winter Series:

By the time you read this, Concert 1 will be history, but you can still get along to Concert 2 at the Hall on June 9th and to the July, August and September performances. Tickets from the Post Office, Nook and Liquor Store, on-line at Humanitix at https://humanitix.com.au or at the door on the day.

'Young Frankenstein': the musical:

Production at the Marloo Theatre 14th-29th June. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/CPWJD. We are told that the production contains 'adult themes and coarse language'. I suppose they have to say that these days!

Darlington Bush and Variety Walks:

This year's series begins on Sunday 9th June and runs through to October with lots of walks of different types, many of them new this year. Information and bookings from Cliff Burns at cliffburns@iprimus.com.au or 92996696.

Robert Juniper Award for the Arts:

Applications for this most prestigious local award set up to give a helping hand to talented young people (artists, dancers, musicians, actors – anything artistic) are open now and will close on September 30th. Find out more at https://www.robertjuniperawardforthearts.org

Binformation:

As you know, the new FOGO bins will be wheeled out this July. Drop-in information sessions in June will take place at Mundaring Arena - 8 June, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Swan View Shopping Centre - 13 June, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
and Mundaring Village Shopping Centre - 22 June,
11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Picnic in the Park:

For PHCCIG and other local environmental groups. Sculpture Park Mundaring, Sunday Jun 16 11am - 1pm. BYO chair, coffee and snacks. Email: contact@phccig.org

Darlington Review Special General Meeting:

All members will have received a notice of the meeting to approve the new Review Constitution together with a draft of that document (thanks to Betty Pitcher and Gabby Houldsworth) and a proxy form if you can't get there in person.

The meeting will be held at 6A Brook Road Darlington at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday June 12th. Like all Review general meetings, it should be really short!

Well, that's it from me for this month. In the couple of weeks that have elapsed since I began this editorial we have, thankfully, had some rain, though not much. It never fails to amaze me how swiftly the vegetation around us responds to this. That first shower has hardly dried up, it seems, before the ground around us develops a little green fuzz as millions of tiny seeds germinate in response to the life-giving moisture. Now, of course, a good many of these will develop into weeds that will have to be pulled out or whipper-snipped or otherwise disposed of. Nonetheless, they are a symbol of encouragement and hope that these early showers will be followed by the good solid winter rains that we so desperately need. To contradict one of my youngest grandchildren's favourite songs, "Please* let the rain come down!" (*Don't).

Meanwhile, though, read the Fire Brigade notes on the effect of the hot dry autumn on unrestricted burning and preventative burns.

Chris Durrant, *Acting Editor*

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13 June 2024 at 7.30pm | **DRRA** Public Meeting at Darlington Hall. All welcome.

The last community meeting was lively with lots of conversation from the floor, thanks to those residents who were there. Unfortunately, no councilors were present to update us on all things Shire related, but once again, the subject of bicycles flying down the bridal trail was raised.

It was very concerning to hear how some people are deliberately avoiding the trail, especially on weekends, for fear of potentially being hit. There was unanimous agreement in the room that the issue of speeding cyclists on the trail is still of major concern and a hot topic of conversation in the community. The little to no consideration shown by some cyclists to others on the trail, remains a long-standing issue. No doubt there have been numerous near misses over the past few years and although actual accidents may not be commonplace, a few months ago, while out walking on the trail, I met an elderly woman, who had, minutes previously, been the victim of a hit and ride-off incident.

Rarely do the cyclists on the trail have bells to alert pedestrians and rarely do they call out a warning or shout an acknowledgement of thanks as they pass.

It is apparent that some cyclists expect pedestrians to telepathically sense the approaching bike and to always be ready to move out of the way quickly and safely.

Clearly this strategy is flawed.

Ahead of cyclists, the pedestrians taking a relaxing stroll in nature may be hard of hearing, slow to react, not as agile as they once were, engaged in deep conversation or contemplation, wearing headphones (not a good idea as they won't hear the bells either), on their telephones, managing exploring dogs on leads, prams and/or wandering children.

A bicycle coming up at speed and narrowly passing them is extremely dangerous and intimidating, with the potential to cause the same damage as a vehicle moving at the same speed. That's worth contemplating.

These are shared spaces and if you, as a cyclist, are coming up behind someone, it is your responsibility to slow right down and give adequate warning, making sure those ahead of you have heard you before you pass them.

The biking courtesy protocol is clear and uncomplicated.

Another topic raised was for discussion is the request to pursue lowering the speed limit to 40km/hr in the central village, from the Darlington Rd intersection with Owen Rd, past the Hive, down Pine Tce and down to Sandover Rd. Residents at The Glen, together with others, have been concerned at the speed of local traffic in the village center and once again have requested that DRAA follow up with the Shire on this matter.

Previously Clinton Kleynhans, (Operations Services) from the Shire presented at DRAA and he indicated that residential support would be needed for the Shire to approach the Dept of Main Roads on this issue. Recently there has been community conversation around the increasing size of vehicles and local speeding and it seems timely to remind us all that walkers, dogs, kids, kangaroos and bandicoots are an intrinsic part of Darlington and the hills environment.

We choose to live here because it is a beautiful, untamed and natural space and we can have free-ranging children and wildlife living amongst us. To that end, we all need to slow down to protect that. A DRAA letterbox drop on the proposal is being sent to the residents on the roads affected and we invite your thoughts and conversation on this.

DRAA is Darlington's voice on all community matters. If you have an opinion or a concern for something, please bring it to a community meeting.

You can email the committee at draa@darlingtonvillage.org or via the Darlington Village website under the DRAA page.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at Darlington Hall, 7:30-9pm and welcome debate, opinion and engagement from residents and ratepayers in Darlington.

Membership ($15 per person, per annum):

- gives you meeting notices, Minutes of meetings and up-to-date information in your inbox
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Drop in to say hi between 11 am and 1 pm.
BYO chair, coffee and snacks

email: contact@phccig.org

KEEN TO GET TO KNOW FOGO?

Drop-in sessions will be held at:

- **Mundaring Arena**
  50 Mundaring Weir Road, Mundaring
  Saturday 8 June, 11am to 1pm
- **Swan View Shopping Centre**
  Gladstone & Marlboro Roads, Swan View
  Thursday 13 June, 10am to 1pm
- **Mundaring Village Shopping Centre (outside Coles)**
  7295 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring
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Budget 2024

Treasurer Jim Chalmers recently released his second Federal Budget.

The number one priority is easing cost of living pressures; to help people who are under pressure right now, while setting Australians up for the future.

That's why we're giving every taxpayer a tax cut, and giving every household $300 off their energy bills, on top of the $400 credit from the Cook Labor Government.

In addition to tax cuts and energy bill relief, we know housing is a source of financial pressure for those with a mortgage or paying rent. Buying a house is simply unaffordable for many people.

The simple fact is that Australia has a housing shortage.

We need to build more homes, more quickly, in more parts of the country. That's why the Albanese Government has an ambitious goal of building 1.2 million homes by the end of the decade – driven by more than $36 million investment in housing policies.

We know this is a challenge, but it's a challenge we have to meet.

We need more tradies and construction workers, faster approvals and new incentives for getting the job done. Getting this many homes built will be hard work. It won't happen overnight. But it's the best and most lasting fix.

Our plan for 1.2 million homes means we are training more tradies, funding more apprenticeships, growing the workforce. We're kickstarting construction by cutting red tape and providing incentives to state governments to get homes built quickly – alongside a responsible reduction in immigration.

We're delivering the biggest investment in social housing in more than a decade to help reduce homelessness, and for renters, we have further increase rent assistance.

To further assist students and everyone still carrying a HECS or HELP debt, we're making some significant changes to student loans system.

We're cutting student debt for more than 3 million Australians and wiping around $3 billion in total student debt.

To do this, we're introducing HELP loan credits for people impacted by the recent inflation spike.

We're making sure that, in the future, student debt never grows faster than your wages or ability to pay it off by improving the way indexation is calculated and making sure last year's indexation spike can't happen again.

The Albanese Labor Government's 2024 Budget strikes the balance of cost of living relief with responsible long-term economic management – delivering a Budget Surplus and paying down the trillion dollars of debt we inherited two years ago.

We know there's more to do, and we'll keep working every day to deliver for all Australians.

What's on at the Hub of the Hills for over 55's in June

Weekly Coffee Morning | Tuesdays | 9.30am to 11.30am
Enjoy catching up with friends or meeting new friends. Free tea and coffee, home made morning tea for only $2. All welcome.

Over 55's Drop-In | Wednesdays | 9.30am to 11.30am | Free
A safe area for seniors to have a chat, read the paper, play board games or complete puzzles. Tea and coffee available.

Bolivia | Thursdays | 1pm to 5pm | $2
Learn to play the card game Bolivia in a friendly and relaxed group. All levels welcome. Refreshments provided.

Book Cafe dates for the remainder of 2024:

- 9 July (Children & Adults)
- 10 September
- 12 November

The Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring
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Coinciding with National Volunteer Week, the month of May is full of days celebrating volunteers including Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW) Day recognizing our wonderful SES volunteers and P&C Day WA which provides an important opportunity to thank P&Cs for the amazing contribution they make to our schools every day.

Across our State we are extremely fortunate to have many volunteer-based organisations supporting our community in different ways. From volunteer bush fire brigades and SES units to local P&Cs, historical and preservation societies, seniors groups and wildlife rehabilitation carers.

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Wheelchairs for Kids. This wonderful organisation is dedicated to building all-terrain and fully adjustable children's wheelchairs from scratch in their Wangara facility. Since its establishment in 1996, Wheelchairs for Kids has distributed over 54,000 wheelchairs, free of charge, to children with disabilities from more than 80 countries who otherwise would not have access to a wheelchair. Each week, Wheelchairs for Kids has help from over 230 volunteers and make 20 wheelchairs a day.

Congratulations must also go to the Country Women's Association of WA which celebrates 100 years this year. This well-known volunteer operated organisation works to improve the welfare and wellbeing of people everywhere, especially in regional areas. It was a real pleasure to attend a special event at State Parliament in May to recognise the CWA's significant contribution to communities across our State.

Thank you to each and every volunteer across the East Metro region for everything that you do!

Matthew Hughes MLA JP | Member for Kalamunda

Since coming to office in March 2017 the WA Labor government has transformed the economy and turned it around from the mess left by the Liberal/National government of Hon Colin Barnett. What was the country's weakest economy eight years ago – an economy in recession, shedding 18 000 jobs annually – our economy is now the strongest. Since 2017 we have seen the creation of more than 300 000 jobs.

What was the nation's highest debt burden tracking to over $43 billion, is now the lowest at $28.6 billion. Debt is $15 billion lower than projected since coming to office. From annual net operating deficits averaging $5 billion per annum over the period of the pervious Liberal/National government, under WA Labor the government is forecasting a $2.6 billion net operating surplus; a sixth consecutive surplus saving over $5 billion in interest payments. Budget surpluses are forecast to remain across the next four years.

The economy is robust, and unemployment remains at an historic low of 3.4 percent and has remained at or below 4 per cent for 29 of the past 30 months, the longest sustained period of low unemployment since 2009. At the beginning of 2017 unemployment stood at a persistent 6.6%.

Wages grew by 4.4 percent in 2023, the highest annual growth rate in the nation, and more than double the average for the decade.

However, the WA government recognises the impact that everyday expenses are having on families.

This year's State budget responds to the immediate needs of Western Australians as well as continuing the work of ensuring our long-term prosperity. At a time of when Australia emerges from a cycle of high inflation the 2024-25 budget rises to the challenge and helps Western Australians with the cost of living.

It includes a record cost of living package for families totalling $762 million. For example: a family with two school aged children will receive a $400 household electricity credit, up to two $500 WA student assistance payments and up to $500 through free student public transport; self-funded retirees will benefit from assistance of close to $900; pensioners with eligible concessions will receive assistance totalling almost $2 400; a family with two school aged children with eligible concessions will receive more than $3 500 in assistance.

Other highlights include:

- a record $3.2 billion further boost in investment in the health system. The spend on health has reached $12.8 billion per annum; an increase of 45% since 2017;
- a record $13 billion investment in education and training for jobs of the future;
- $11 billion investment in housing and homelessness with a focus on boosting housing supply;
- $18 billion investment to attract new and grow existing industries and position WA as a global clean energy powerhouse;
- and a record $12.1 billion infrastructure investment to boost and diversify our economy and meet the future needs of our growing population.

The 2024-25 budget maintains the Cook Labor government's record of responsible financial management. The full details of the 2024-25 WA State budget can be found at the Our State Budget website.

Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

REMEMBER

000 is the **ONLY** number to ring for all fire and smoke sightings.

- **The** ComCen **will page our members who are on duty.**
- **For general Brigade enquiries please ring** 9299 7217. Station hours: **Saturday 9am-10:30am.**
  Web: **darlingtonfire.org.au** • Facebook: **Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade** • Instagram: **dvbfb_**
- Next Brigade meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Darlington Fire Station.

On Tuesday May 14th the Brigade held its AGM, and the following key Office Bearers were elected for 2024/2025; *Captain* – Steve Dryden, *1st Lieutenant* – Chris Kendrick, *President* – Gerry Starr, Secretary – Richard Dymond, *Treasurer* – Heather Curley, Team Lieutenants – Ben Boyce, Randall Elkins, David Lefroy, John Struckmann and Neil Hawkins, *Training Officer* – Jenny Caldwell. Two members were also recognised with long service awards: Glenn Burnett – 10-year Long Service Medal and Cameron Delaforce – 5-year Bush Fire Service medallion.

There are more than 70 community members volunteering with our fire brigade, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Darlington community for your continued support during this past fire season. It is heartening to know that the Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade continues to enjoy the ongoing support of, and a strong relationship with, the community we strive to protect. Our firefighters undertake theory and practical training, and team activities all through the winter months, and we encourage new members to join us in this valuable contribution to the community.

With the onset of winter, we would normally see the Restricted Burning period ending within the Shire of Mundaring, and a move to the "open", or unrestricted burning season. Due to the unusually dry and warm conditions at the time of writing, the Shire was considering extending the Restricted Burning period. Therefore, you must check with the Shire, or your local Fire Brigade, for current prohibitions, restrictions, and conditions BEFORE you light any fires. If you are undertaking fuel reduction burns on your property, it is YOUR responsibility to check the current permissions and weather conditions prior to burning. Please take great care when burning, and follow the guidelines set out on the Shire's website. These include;

- Keeping a clearance zone free of combustible material, or fire break around any fire
- Always have a reliable means of extinguishing the entire fire available
- Never leave a fire unattended, with at least 1 responsible adult present, at the fire, at all times
- Consider the impact of fire and smoke on your neighbours
- Register your burn with DFES on 9395 9209.

Unfortunately, due to the environmental conditions and delays on permit issuing, the Darlington brigade hasn't been able

to start its hazard reduction burns program. Whilst we may not be able to conduct all the burns we currently have listed; we will endeavour to do as many burns as we can before the weather conditions become counterproductive. If and when we are conducting burns, please be mindful of fire trucks and firefighters around the area, and drive with caution if smoke is present. These hazard reduction burns provide an important part of the training required for new members, and invaluable experience in understanding fuel types and fuel loads, fire behaviour, suppression techniques, equipment operation and the physical requirements of bush firefighting that you don't get in theoretical training. These burns also provide income for the brigade.

ARE YOU BURNING RESPONSIBLY?
Follow these handy hints when carrying out fuel reduction burns
Please
Be courteous and notify your neighbours prior to burning
Check weather conditions,wind and temperature before burning
Only conduct burns after fine weather, when fuel is at its driest
Have a pressurised garden hose close by, ready for use
Monitor smoke levels
Extinguish thoroughly with water and monitor the site after burning
Never
Burn without a garden hose nearby, ready for use
Burn without a mineral firebreak around the pile
Burn plant material that is still green, partly green or wet
Smother a fire when adding extra fuel. Ensure air flow.
Burn more than you can manage.
Leave the burn site unattended when burning.

Anyone planning to do fuel reduction burns should consider attending the FREE Shire of Mundaring Winter Burning Workshops. Residents in the Shire can register their interest for these free workshops with attendees being shown how to safely prepare, start, and manage small mosaic fires, with the help of Shire officers and qualified local volunteer brigade members. Workshops are run in the cooler months as the conditions are ideal to safely burn and reduce fuel loads around properties. If you are interested in taking part in a workshop, register your expression of interest via email at fse@mundaring.wa.gov.au or by calling 9290 6696.

On Thursday May 17th we hosted a visit from the Darlington Scouts, just a month after a visit from the Guides. After a presentation about firefighting, fire hazards and fire safety, the Scouts were given a tour of the station, including a look in, on and around our fire trucks. This was followed by some friendly competition between Patrols with a hose roll relay. The evening finished with a chance for our future firefighters to use the hose on our Light Tanker for another challenge, a timed knockdown of safety cones.

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." ~ Tom Brokaw

Ricky Harvey

Darlington Bushfire Ready Group

Unfortunately, or possibly fortunately, obviously one of the benefits in having to stay at home, is that able to get out into the garden and carry out a lot of the things, needing to be done but never had time to do them. End result lot of fuel and cannot dispose of it unless by trailer to the Mundaring tip.

Although April 1st was end of restricted burning season due to the very dry months we have had DFES banned all fires till at least May 6th, when permits maybe provide, but again with certain burn conditions to apply. Reading these notes and want to burn make sure you have looked at the Shire web site to ascertain what can be done or NOT.

So what for now……appears to be no change to that directive at this time, but if wanting to find out what you are able to do, go the Shires website or call 9290 6644.

However with some still milder days it does enable us time to get into the garden and bush surrounding our blocks and continue to maintain those lower fuel levels around the house. In doing so it reduces the more dramatic actions required as summer approaches and also enables us to be selective in what to remove or leave to give that 20 mtr circle of safety. Removing tree canopy is also easier now, whilst a cooler time

I know it is only June and the next fire season is some months away, but never to early to Prepare your Home……..and here are a couple of reminders of what to have in place……

- Most homes lost in a bushfire are from ember attack—this is where burning embers carried by strong winds land on material that easily burns, such as vegetation close to the home.
- Simple actions to take include pruning back trees, cutting long grass, clearing your roof gutters and removing rubbish from around your house.
- A well prepared property has a better chance of surviving a bushfire.

Stay alert to what is happening around you, and put your Bushfire Plan in place. If needing any information on what to do around your home, come down to the Fire Station on a Saturday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am.

Councillor's Column South Ward | Cr Luke Ellery | Shire of Mundaring

Dear Darlington,

The new FOGO bins will arrive this month. The following important changes to collection will commence in July:

- General waste will now be collected ***fortnightly***
- FOGO (any compostable material) will be collected ***weekly***
- Recycling will be maintained at fortnightly collection
- FOGO will not result in any net increased costs to residents. This is due to the following:
- FOGO is nearly half the disposal cost as general waste. General waste is either sent to landfill, where the state government levy's $85/t (and we see little of this back to invest in more sustainable initiatives-sore point), or to Waste-to-energy.
- The new bin is funded by government grants
- Together these offset the cost of additional trucks/collections

Council did consider a transition period where general waste would continue to be collected weekly and FOGO was initially introduced fortnightly though this was ***rejected*** as it would increase overall costs by $250k and risk a further $300k in grant funding.

Overall FOGO reduces emissions, returns nutrients to the soil, is lower cost and gives residents an overall increase in collection capacity and is welcomed by many. I have received some frequent objections that I will endeavour to address below:

We are a large family, have babies/nappies, medical reasons that we produce additional waste. How will we go with fortnightly general waste collection?
As an expectant father I have a lot of empathy for those who may struggle with half the general waste capacity and less frequent collection. I can advise the following:

- *Council will consider adopting a Compassionate collection Policy to allow secondary/larger bins free for those who have additional waste needs. Presently the scope is only for medical grounds though Council will likely consider this policy at our June Meeting*
- *Council hopes to consider rebates for reusable diapers, reusable sanitary products, nappy pails, etc. Nappy Pails/bins are a great way of containing the smell of diapers that produces a sausage (black pudding) of plastic wrapped nappies.*

I already have a second general waste bin, what if I don't want 4 bins?
Households who have opted for a second general waste bin can return it. I highly recommend you call the Shire or complete a Waste Service Request Form as soon as possible to arrange return. If you still wish to retain a second general waste bin, no further action is required.

I already compost, this bin is a waste of my ratepayer dollars:
The FOGO rollout has been mandated by the State Government for all Metro local governments. I recognise our Shire is peri-urban but we are not exempt (Council did ask). Additionally, just as off-grid homes are still charged for powerlines running past their home, we don't have the capacity to offer opt-in/out collection services; the truck will drive by every house.

Lastly, residents should be aware that the biggest cost for FOGO processing is contamination. Our FOGO gate fees are up to 25% cheaper if contamination is below 3% but at over 9% all the waste must be sent to landfill. Can I please encourage resident to read their booklet and put their best endeavours to process their waste to avoid higher costs for the community; if in doubt, put it in general waste.

Council is doing its best to rollout FOGO as smooth as possible. EMRC will be running educational classes, residents should receive a letter from our CEO (if not already) and lots of additional information. If you have concerns that I haven't addressed, feel free to contact Cr Trish Cook, myself or the shire (operational matters).

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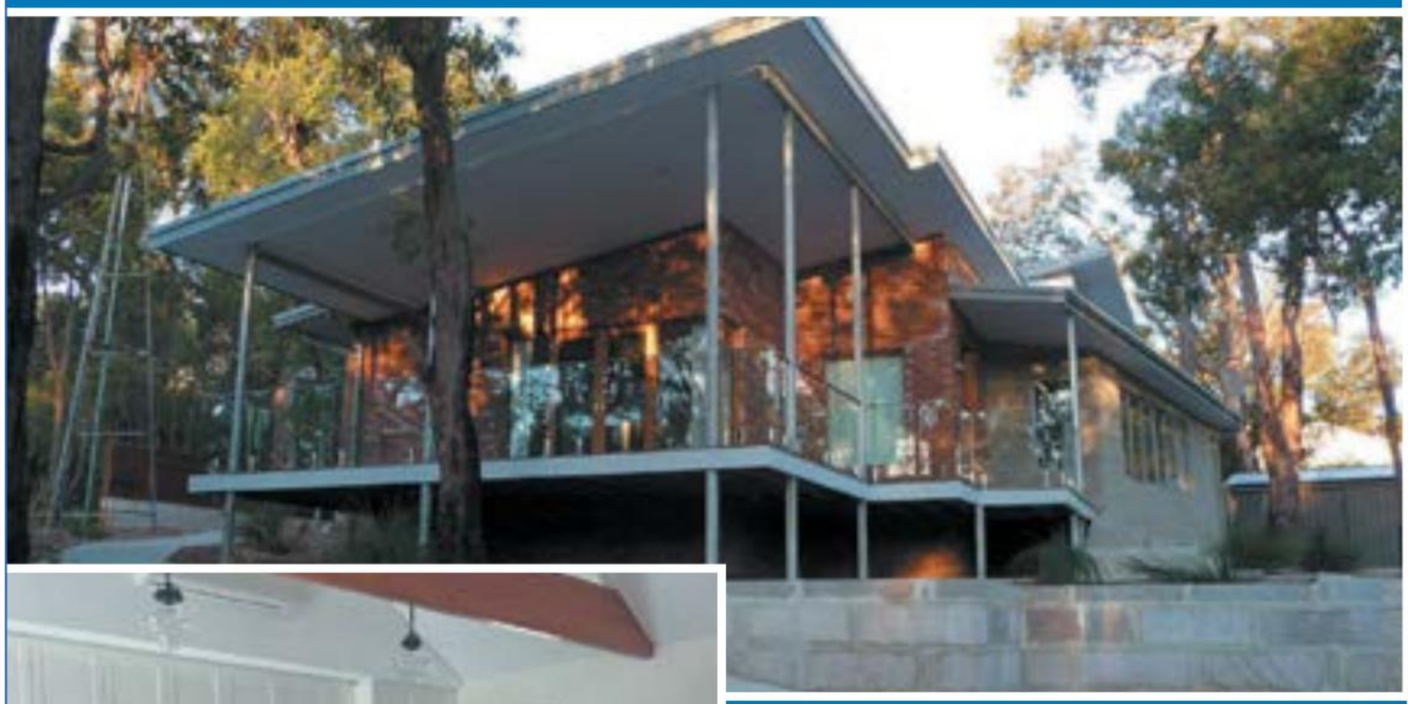

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A recent ABC article (May 17), caught our eye:

'Heat-related deaths in Perth could rise almost 60 per cent by 2050 if temperatures keep rising.' https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-17/perth-heat-related-deaths-rise-60-per-cent/103856124

The article documents WA Heath Department's evidence-based concerns about Climate Change impacts on people, and the pressures and increasing costs our State's services will face in trying to cope. It outlines, in no uncertain terms, WA's ***un-preparedness*** for a climate crisis. In addition to greater physical and mental health impacts, housing is identified as a priority for better adaptation to deal with what lies ahead.

Which brings us to North Stoneville.

Despite numerous iterations over 33 long years by landowner, Perth's Anglican Diocese, and its dismal procession of defeated developers, nothing has changed from the essence of the very first plan way back in 1991. In short, it has failed to move with the times.

Right from the start North Stoneville has been an inappropriate templated suburban-style plan, sardined into the isolated, un-serviced and increasingly bushfire-proven Perth Hills, featuring houses squeezed into progressively-shrunken lots - some barely a metre apart. A breeze-less, tree-less heat-island sub-environment with a network of black bitumen roads – replacing 60,000 shade-bearing trees, across 530 sprawling hectares.

Fast forward to December 2023. Australia's largest private land developer, Satterley, launches their second North Stoneville iteration. Embarrassingly for Satterley, their 'revamped' plan, just like their first, is rejected outright by WA's peak development body, the Planning Commission (WAPC), along with a record 2,341 public submission objections.

The future reality depicted in the ABC's article, quotes UWA urban design expert Dr Julian Bolleter, who notes **the housing stock we have "*will be with us as the climate crisis unfolds*"**.

He says policies must account for the increased challenges faced by different regions of WA, and he suggests to start by banning heat sucking black rooves...

And therein lies our problem. North Stoneville is a plan of the past, designed and re-designed on outdated policies that currently indulge black rooves, and inappropriate housing plans for proven 21st Century disaster zones like Perth's Hills.

Save Perth Hills (SPH) has been urging, for 6 years, a Local and State planning policy overhaul to eradicate development plans that were wrong 30 years ago, and by today's standards, are downright dangerous.

We recently won on the Local level. Mundaring Shire Councillors are asking the WAPC to repeal the outdated Local Planning Scheme 4 to stop plans, like North Stoneville, coming to the Shire, that don't suit our Hills' culture, our constrained and increasingly fragile environment, and our limited capacity to service – and protect.

But State Government planning policies also need to take a giant leap out of the past and into a future that's already staring us down.

North Stoneville is indicative of developers' and landowners' indifference to the future reality of the communities they 'create'. Indifference to the dire evidence and qualified opinions of the WA Government's own Health and Climate experts. And indifference to potentially condemning our Community to a disastrous development in a proven 'disaster zone', which Dr Bolleter aptly prophesises as: ...the housing stock we have "will be with us as the climate crisis unfolds."

North Stoneville would be a brilliant case-study for Dr Bolleter, as it bucks all contemporary planning trends and provisions while pretending it can conquer Climate Change catastrophes.

We recall, at our 2023 Rally, the sage words of Darlington resident, Dr Wayne Gregson, DFES Commissioner during the 2014 Stoneville/ Parkerville/Mount Helena Bushfires:

- "Climate risks are increasing and yet today we're forced to rally against the possible tripling of the population in an extreme bushfire zone. Populating hazardous regions, the scale of this plan - knowing what we know - should be challenged."

And we are challenging it. SPH is preparing a powerful legal case to 'intervene' as an official 'Party' in the 2025 State Tribunal hearing of North Stoneville. If successful, SPH will be the first external group in almost 20 years to be accepted in this type of hearing.

But we must prove we can present unique information that the WAPC and Satterley won't include in their cases.

So, we're seeking your help to illuminate the authentic, human impacts of bushfire. We're seeking the untold stories and experiences from you, our Community, around the trauma of navigating the aftermath of bushfires; profound personal losses, unforeseen and on-going financial pressures, mental and physical health consequences, endless paths to promised 'resolution' for a closure that never comes.

We ask: Can you help us lay bare WA's un-preparedness of the ***'human fallout of bushfire trauma'***, against the outdated plans and superficial solutions of profit-driven developers? With your help, our case will be powerful, beyond compare.

Email us if you'd like to discuss - saveperthhillsinc@gmail.com

Please know, you can trust us, impeccably. We respect, beyond any measure, your courage to help, if you feel you can.

Our War Chest is open to fight Satterley's madness. We're immensely proud to be able to say '***Our COMMUNITY FUNDED lawyers***' are doing a magnificent job of shaping our case for 2025!

If you can donate, know you're helping to achieve a precedent for safer bushfire planning – that also "***...will be with us as the climate crisis unfolds***"...

SPH Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633 000 – 160715942.

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Ben H's Sri Lanka Travel Diary – 4-17 May 2024

On May the 4th, 47 members of the Darlington Social Cricket Club gathered at Perth Airport for the club's first international tour since 2001. The tour comprised 22 playing members and 51 members in total, with partners and families.

The tour got off to a slightly inauspicious start with the plane delayed 1.5 hours. This didn't deter the enthusiasm of some – who perhaps didn't check the Perth Airport website – and who had four hours to soak in the ambience of Perth Airport.

We arrived in Colombo at 11:30pm (2am Perth time) to a balmy 30 degrees and a welcome from our Sri Lankan tour company with a flower lei for each of us. Our two tour guides, Sihan and Lucky, were very welcoming and quickly became a highlight of the tour for their friendship, knowledge, and integration with our group.

Sunday morning, after the first of what became many memorable buffets, your correspondent and three others chose to have a look around Colombo and hopped into a pair of tuk-tuks. Narrow streets were navigated and local markets investigated with your correspondent at least forgetting that important travel lesson of not buying things on your first day. All four of us chose to buy a Sri Lankan replica cricket shirt (emphasis on 'replica') which proved to be extremely comfortable and well-suited to the weather.

In the afternoon we headed off on a more elevated tour of the city in our tour buses. Colombo is a picturesque city of about 37 km2 with an impressive population density of more than 20,000 per square km. The broader metropolitan area has a population of more than 5.6 million residents.

Other interesting facts learnt on our bus tour:

- Sri Lanka produces the best quality cinnamon in world.
- the Dutch grew coffee beans in Sri Lanka but which got wiped out by a fungus. The English subsequently planted tea.
- one Buddhist temple in Colombo funds 7000 university students free of charge each year.
- the Colombo City Council building is a copy of the White House (we were informed "Asians are very good at copying").

In the late afternoon many members chose to visit the picturesque setting of the Galle Face hotel overlooking the coast of the Laccadive Sea for drinks and dinner. One unexpected moment came when a (Sri Lankan) bagpiper in kilt, playing Scotland the Brave, strode across the hotel's quadrangle (complete with large chessboard) to the flagpole with the Sri Lankan flag lowered for the night with the setting sun in the background.

That night your correspondent and some friends chose to walk along Galle Face Green that runs along the beach and take a punt on the street food. Small prawns embedded in rice flour and deep fried with flat bread and garnished with a bit of salad and some hot dressing – $1.50 per serving – were delicious (and still excellent value the following morning given no bodily ramifications). Sitting on the side of the pathway overlooking the green and ocean, it started to rain and by the time we had managed walked back to the hotel we were wet through but it was worth it. Clearly monsoon season had arrived as late evening drinks back at our hotel were accompanied with the rain pouring in earnest and enormous claps of thunder directly overhead. One adventurous duo got caught by the monsoon but as a result got to observe the local pastime of road fishing (literally – using a small laundry basket to catch a fish flopping around in the road).

Match 1

The first match of our tour was played on Monday, 6 May at the Mercantile Cricket Association Grounds in Colombo. The conditions were stifling to say the least.

It was a replay of our inter-club test match – ROWs vs WAussies – with a few of our hosts filling in the gaps including the 16-year-old son of our tour guide Lucky.

WAussies captain Craig 'Double Tosser' Van Der Laan won the toss and it proved to be the best boss toss loss a captain has suffered as the conditions were significantly hotter and steamier in the first innings. One of the notable highlights/lowlights was Stephen 'Supreme Leader' Jones almost getting a wicket off his very first ball, as the wicketkeeper Matt Parsons missed the simple chance and in diving to make the catch managed to lacerate his forearm on what was essentially a patch of gravel next to the pitch. In true DSCC spirit, he was duly fined after the game for excessive bleeding unbecoming a cricket gentleman.

For the second time this year, it came down to last over with the ROWs again prevailing. The highlight of the scorebook though was undoubtedly Ian Scrimshaw being listed as "Scream Show" – a moniker which stuck for the rest of the tour. One of the most energy sapping days the Club has ever experienced was however also one of the most enjoyable. Other significant contributions were tour guide Sihan scoring a quickfire 50 for the ROWs and Craig using Lucky's son, who was also supposed to be playing for the ROWs, to bowl a couple of overs and getting the Fines Master out (for which he appropriately got fined).

Dinner was a most amazing feast, with a superb range of curries and western food with the most colourful and fabulous array of traditional Sri Lankan desserts as well as cakes, chocolates, mousses, trifles, a chocolate fountain, and other wonderments. The consensus seemed to be that any dessert in a wine glass was a good place to start. The kids obviously wanted to reverse the order of their meals and the highest number of individual dessert trips reported was five.

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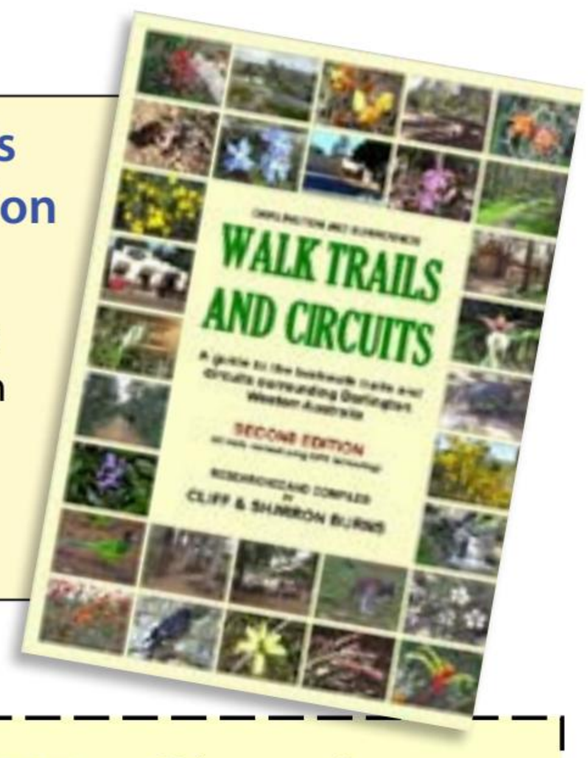

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Glen Forrest Bridge Club (GFBC)

Welcome to Glen Forrest Bridge Club

When people are asked why they play bridge, you hear a variety of responses. Some people say they really enjoy socializing and making new friends.

One enthusiastic player said she had a million reasons but shortened her list to the following: camaraderie, fun, learning new things, mental acuity and challenge. Another player said they loved the fact that no two hands are the same, so they never get bored. Another player said they played bridge because it was fantastic social insurance, and you could even play just about anywhere in the world when travelling. So, there are many, many reasons to play bridge. I wonder what yours could be.

Maybe you have played bridge in the past but have not played recently; you would be made very welcome at the Glen Forrest Bridge Club. We are a small, friendly club, right here in the hills. Complete beginners are also very welcome. Membership fees are very modest, $40 per year and $5 per session, or $7 per session without membership. Membership of the bridge club includes membership of the Sports Club which an amazing bonus. With the sports club you can, play bowls or darts. They also have a Ukulele session and have amazing social evenings. There is a bar at the Sports club and some members like to stop for a social drink and chat after bridge finishes.

If you want to learn or brush up your bridge then our beginners/improvers session is held on Wednesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30. People can learn to play from scratch, refresh skills, or just play socially without the pressure of competition. No need to feel shy, everyone is made very welcome.

Regular playing sessions are held on Monday 1.00pm to 5.00pm, Wednesday 12.30pm to 4.30pm for those people who enjoy the more competitive playing.

The Bridge club is located at the Glen Forrest Sports Club, 33 Mc Glew Road Glen Forrest.

Ring Ronnie 0419961711 or look us up at
glenforrest.bridgeaustralia.org

Baha'i Community of Mundaring

At our seasonal multifaith gatherings, 'Bridges to Peace', we always end by sharing big pots of vegetable soup, homemade with love, along with big hunks of bread. It's convivial and joyful, and after listening to inspirational stories and reflections our conversations are deeper and friendships are formed. There's something about breaking bread together that strengthens connections.

At our next '**Bridges to Peace**' on 16 June we'll be exploring 'Why Interfaith?'.

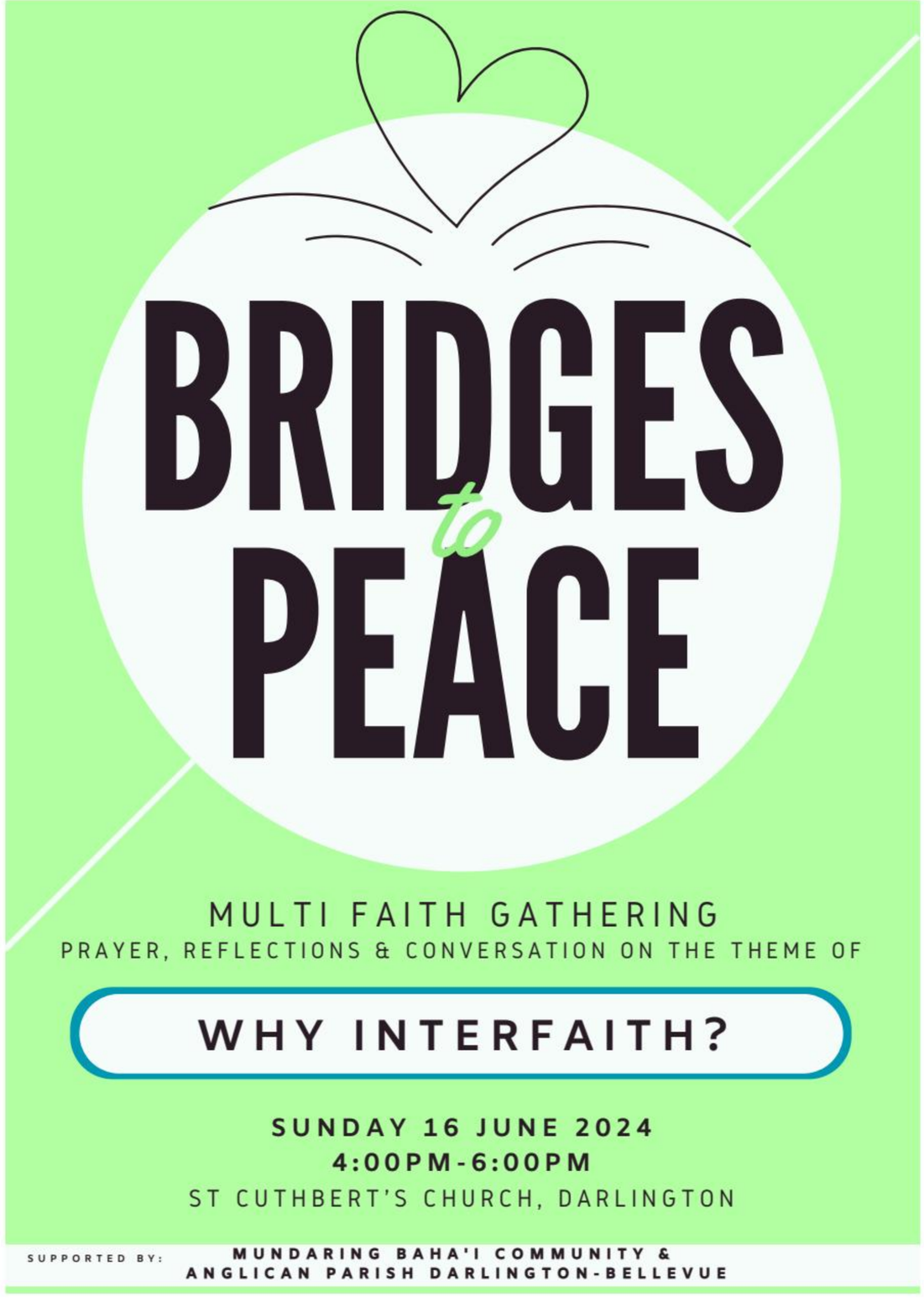
From a Baha'i perspective we see interfaith dialogue as a way to learn about the universal principles of religion that transcend any one faith or sect. By sharing experiences of putting this wisdom into practice, with a humble posture of learning, we can gain insight into how we can help society advance.

Baha'u'llah tells us "*All the teaching of the Prophets is one; one faith; one Divine light shining throughout the world. Now, under the banner of the oneness of humanity all people of all creeds should turn away from prejudice and become friends and believers in all the Prophets…. Today we must gather round, and try with heart and soul to bring about the union of mankind.*"

We'd love you to join us as, together, we discover all that we have in common and begin to take small steps in unity towards a more peaceful world. And please enjoy our fabulous soup and break bread with us, whether you prefer challah, roti, pide, or good old sliced white!

Sunday 16 June from 4.00pm - 6.00pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington



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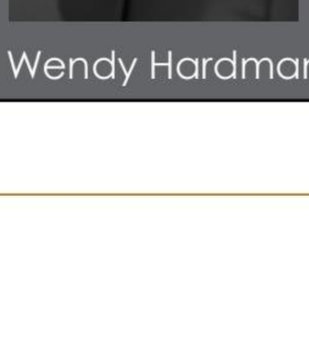

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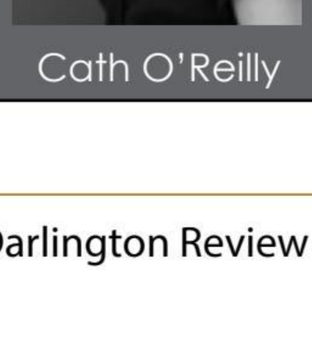

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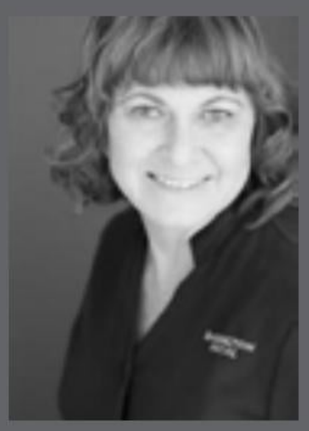

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Mundaring and Hills Historical Society

From Tin Shed to Men's Shed – Past, Present and Future

The Story of the Mundaring Community Men's Shed

The first sheds appeared in Australia in the 1990s. They developed spontaneously in many different areas of Australia. The Australian Men's Shed Assn was formed in 2007 following a talk by Prof Barry Golding who stated that 'Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder.' This became the motto of AMSA. There are now more than 1,200 Men's, Women's and Community Sheds in Australia.

The movement has spread around the world. Globally there are about 3,000 sheds in 12 countries and more are being formed.

In 2010 the Federal Govt recognised that practical support was needed to assist Men's Sheds, especially those in areas of high need. Men's Sheds play an important role in the community by providing meeting places where men can find social support and camaraderie. The goal of the Men's Shed is promoting positive male health outcomes, through providing places where men can contribute to their communities, have a sense of belonging and meaningful purpose.

The Mundaring Men's Shed was formed after a group of Mundaring men attended a health symposium in 2007 and was incorporated the following year. An old shed in Jacoby St became the first Mundaring Men's Shed in 2010. It soon became obvious that this location not only did not meet the current needs but was also to be the location of the upcoming Multi-Purpose Community Facility now known as the Mundaring Cultural Hub.

Current Secretary Ross Boughton will tell the story of the frustration at finding a new site that would fit most of the criteria for a new Shed. 22 sites in Mundaring were investigated and with dogged determination the committee chose two blocks in Morilla Rd in the Industrial Area.

Funding was now an issue however with a grant of $900,000 in 2019, the dream could become a reality. The team found this was just the start of a long journey when COVID created havoc throughout Australia.

Ross Boughton will tell more about the travails of the Mundaring Men's Shed at our next meeting, see details below.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 15th June

2.00 pm

The Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring

Afternoon Tea supplied for a gold coin donation

Kalamunda District Bridge Club (KDBC)

As usual it has been a busy time at the bridge club.

March began with a new group of keen people eager to learn the basics of this amazing game of bridge. They have now completed the course including 4 weeks revision and will begin putting what they have learnt into practice on a Monday evening, which is specifically designed to help beginners. We offer them a mentor for a few weeks and have found this to be extremely helpful.

In the middle of March we ran our annual open Congress where we had many people come to play competition bridge. It is a full weekend of top class bridge and the club provide delicious snacks in between games!

Also in March we ran the Individual competition which was won by Alan Puckey.

In April we had the restricted under 300 master points pairs competition which ran over 2 weeks. Winners were Margaret McRobbie and Jenny Tedeschi followed by Jim Steel and Mike Pepper.

Fiske Warren will be giving a lecture at the club in August which is open to anyone to attend. He will also be giving a new set of beginners classes in September.

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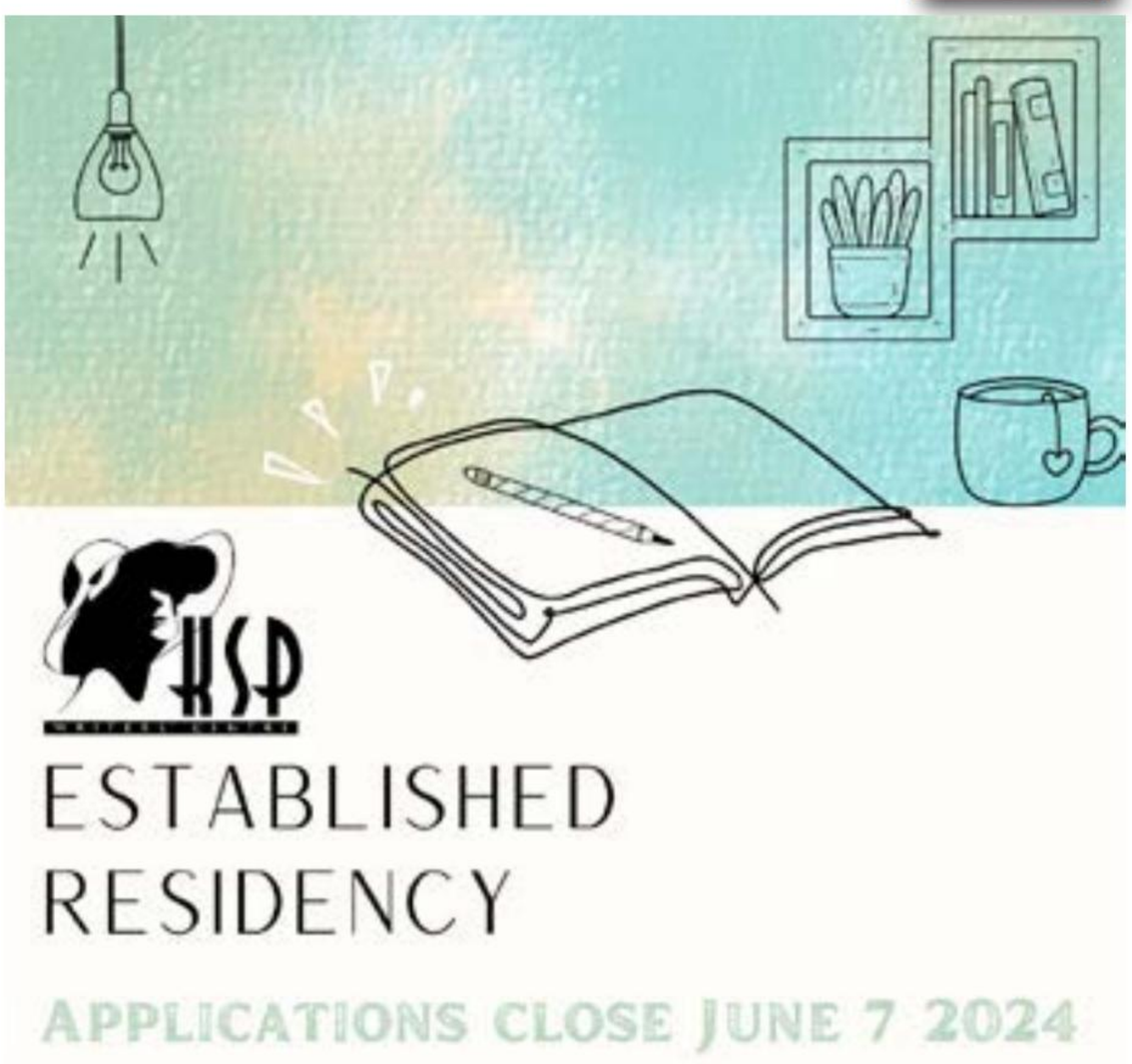

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Forrest Darlings CWA

In May, the Forrest Darlings branch of CWA hosted an event as part of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea campaign. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer. Almost one in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85, and the disease has touched many of our nearest and dearest. Raising funds for the Cancer Council will help to bring us closer to a cancer free future.

We sold nearly 50 tickets for our Biggest Morning Tea at Glen Forrest Sports and Social Club, and also raised funds from raffles and stalls. See next month's Review for our final fundraising total and photo highlights.

Milestone Grant Success

Forrest Darlings branch of CWA was recently awarded a Milestone grant of $1681.25 from the Shire of Mundaring. This grant will be used to fund a special event penciled in for October, to celebrate 100 years of the CWA. More information coming soon.

Tea set for hire

Forrest Darlings CWA treasurer Jen Woods has taken over the management of the vintage tea set from Darlington Community Garden. There is over 50 sets of teacups, saucers and tea plates available to hire for a modest donation. Please contact the branch via Facebook for further information or to book.

Forrest Darlings is a friendly branch of the Country Womens Association which meets monthly at Darlington Pavilion.

Next meeting: Weds 19th June 7pm

For more information follow Forrest Darlings CWA on Facebook.

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MUSIC THAT SPANS THE AGES

3pm June 9 in the Darlington Hall

On the first Sunday in June the Darlington Ensemble brings their second concert of the season to the Darlington Hall. The programme features well known composers whose music has endured for centuries and become intrinsic to western culture.

You don't recall anything by Dvorak? If you saw *Driving Miss Daisy, Arrival* or *Atonement* then you heard Dvorak's *Humoresque*, and his symphony No 9 *From the New World* as well as his *Cello Concerto in B minor*.

Similarly, *Out of Africa* and the *Shawshank Redemption* include Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto in A* and a duet from the opera *The Marriage of Figaro.*

And Benjamin Britten? He too has a following, including Wes Anderson who featured Britten's *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* and excerpts from his opera *Noye's Fludde* in *Moonrise Kingdom*.

Cadbury chocolate recognised the feel good element of Dvorak's *Humoresque* and used it in their advertising campaigns. Haagen-Dazs prefered Britten's *Nocturne* to promote their luxury icecream and Lufthansa went with Mozart's *The Magic Flute* to convey the grandeur and excellence of their airline service.

When you're next watching and listening appreciate the way the music talks to you, influences your emotions, creates atmosphere and prepares you for the upcoming car crash, romatic encounter or imminent danger.

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Guest Speaker Brendan Kelly on Amateur Entertainment in Perth 1875 - 1895

Brendan Kelly provided a captivating insight into Perth's early amateur theatrical scene at our recent guest speaker evening. St George's Hall became Perth's first dedicated theatre building in 1879, still standing today with only its portico remaining.

Interestingly, quite a few well-known names were involved in the early theatre, including Josceline Amherst, Clifton, Mrs. Cockshott, George Leake, and May Gibbs.

During the golden age of theatre, two names stood out: Sir William Robinson (Governor) and Frances Jerome Ernest Hart. They collaborated on musical scores, with their most popular being "Unfurl the Flag," where Robinson wrote the music and Hart penned the words. In 1890, the Perth Operatic Society was formed with Robinson as the Patron, President Sir T.C. Campbell Bart MLC, Vice President Josceline Amherst MLC, Stage Manager George Leake, and Musical Director Francis Hart, among others. Gilbert and Sullivan musicals were among the most popular performed during this era, due to their rollicking music and lyrics.

However, the era was not without its challenges. The widespread use of "Chlorodyne," a mixture of chloroform, opium, cannabis, and alcohol, led to unintended deaths within the theatrical community, prompting the Women's Temperance movement and labeling the product as poisonous. By 1895, the popularity of amateur theatrical groups had waned, leading to their eventual defunct status.

House Hunting "Chalet Benore" 32 Glebe Road

The Local Heritage Survey Review Working Party has reignited Darlington History Group (DHG) efforts in house research. One such gem is the home on Lot 7 of the Minnawarra subdivision, 32 Glebe Rd, Darlington. Built in 1923 by Ellen Jane Smith, recent widow of Harold Edmond Smith, the house served as a weekend retreat for the Smith Family and possibly rented out to friends or tenants. Notably, in 1924, the Daily News mentioned Lady Forrest's stay at the house, then occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles North for the winter months. Brendan Kelly's talk on 8th May sparked curiosity about Frederick Dudley North, potentially linked to Charles North. Further investigation revealed F.D. North's marriage to Flora Frances Hamersley, sister of Margaret, who wed Sir John Forrest. Charles, was the nephew of Lady Forrest and his father was involved in the Amateur Theatrical movement from 1875-1895. In the 1970s and 1980s, the house saw a resident in Pip Colbourne, a well-known local real estate identity. Retaining its original features and charm, the house now proudly joins the centenary club.

Thanks, and farewell to Abigail Hall

As the talk drew to a close, Co-Chair Val took a moment to extend heartfelt gratitude to Abigail Hall. Over the past four years, Abi has been an invaluable asset to the DHG, leaving an indelible mark on the publicity front. Her dedication and expertise in managing various platforms, from the Darlington Review to Facebook and Mailchimp for newsletters, have been instrumental in promoting DHG's endeavours. We extend our sincere thanks to Abi for her outstanding contributions to DHG's publicity efforts. Her meticulous handover to Ursula Sharman, who now assumes this responsibility, exemplifies her commitment to ensuring a smooth transition.

With great enthusiasm, we welcome Ursula to the DHG family. Ursula brings with her a wealth of skills and a deep passion for Darlington's past and its rich architectural history. We have full confidence in Ursula's ability to carry forward Abi's legacy and further enhance DHG's visibility within the community. Please join us in expressing gratitude to Abi for her service and extending a warm welcome to Ursula.

Embark on a journey through Helena's history

Looking for an interesting read? The Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society (KDHS) presents the fabulous re-release of Edward Quicke's "The Helena Story." Originally published in 1983, this gem of a book has been lovingly reprinted, preserving Edward's meticulous work and captivating sketches.

Delve into the fascinating narrative of the Helena River and waterways, exploring how it shaped the surrounding areas from Mundaring to the far Goldfields. Discover the profound impact of the river on indigenous Australians and European settlers over the years.

This brilliant piece of history now comes in a different format, boasting an A4 size, coloured cover, and a useful index, courtesy of KDHS. Available for purchase at the Mundaring Visitor's Centre or the Kalamunda Visitor's Centre, "The Helena Story" awaits eager readers for just $15.00.

DAF Fundraising - Bric-A-Brac Donations

We are on the lookout for any of your unwanted bric-a-brac items, especially any photo frames larger than A4 to be put to good use for fundraising efforts. Please call Liz 0427 952 491 or Christine 0490 793 015 to arrange pickup.

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CHOICE products reviews and comparisons, news topics, and more can now be viewed in the library on our public computers. Shire of Mundaring Libraries has subscribed to CHOICE Online so you can view product reviews and comparisons with a simple search.

Library staff are always available to help if you get stuck, or you can always book dedicated time with one of our wonderful computer help volunteers for in-depth help in learning to search websites.

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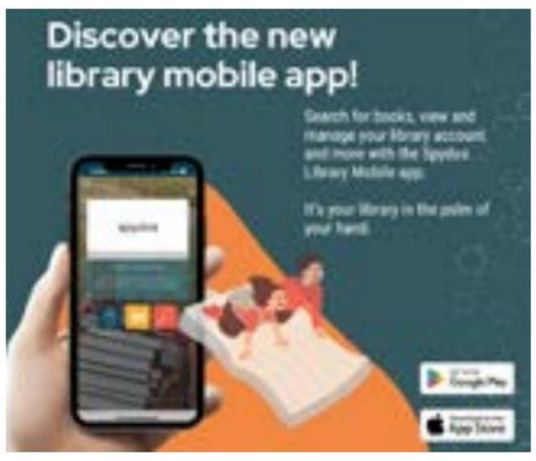

Shire of Mundaring Libraries now has a new mobile library app. The Spydus Mobile app is your anywhere 24/7 library. Using the app, you can search the library catalogue for items, see item availability, reserve items, create a saved list, and more.

Spydus Mobile stores your library card so you can borrow with just your phone if you prefer. The Spydus Mobile "Discover" feature has suggested reading such as new arrivals and recommendations, and you can easily manage your current loans and reservations, and view your history. Here's what you do:

1. Download the app from Google Play or the Apple App Store.
2. Search for "Spydus mobile" app and install it.
3. When you first open the app you will need choose "Shire of Mundaring" in the "Select Library" field.
4. Login with your library card number and PIN/password.

Busy Things for Kids interactive online resource

Did you know about Busy Things for kids? It's an award-winning online resource for the early years that helps children learn through play. There are fun educational games for kids aged 3 to 11 years on a wide range of subjects including Art and Music, English, Exploring the World, Computing, History, Design and Technology, Food, Maths, Science, and so much more. It is free with your library membership. Check it out at https://bit.ly/BTMunlib and make sure you have your library membership barcode number to log in.

Visible Mending using Embroidery with Em Vitetta

Boya Community Centre, Monday 17 June, 10am to 12pm (For ages 16+) Join us for a creative and sustainable adventure in this workshop. Learn the art of transforming worn and torn garments into unique, colourful masterpieces. This hands-on workshop will teach you various embroidery techniques to mend your clothing beautifully and sustainably. Whether you're new to sewing or an experienced stitcher, you'll discover how to turn imperfections into stunning designs, making your clothes last longer and stand out with personal flair. Embrace the charm of visible mending and leave with skills that blend practicality and artistry. Bring your favourite piece of clothing that needs some love, and let's stitch them back to life together! Everything else will be provided. Some stitching or embroidery experience is required. Places are $20 per person. Book at https://170624b.eventbrite.com.au. Places are limited.

Befriending Grief and Loss with Erin Griffin

Boya Community Centre, Saturday 15 June, 2pm to 4pm (For Adults) This engaging workshop will gently touch on types of grief, strategies to manage our own grief, and tips on how we can support others on their grieving journey. We can grieve many things, many times over. Grief is something we all go through, and can grow through, when we get to know it a bit better. There is no right or wrong way to grieve but there are ways to soften the edges. After the more practical part of the workshop, there will be the opportunity to ask questions and converse over a cuppa if you wish. Bookings are essential at https://150624b.eventbrite.com.au. Light refreshments will be available.

FOGO Information Display and Cash for Cans bags

The libraries have FOGO information displays you can view which include FOGO information brochures. As part of the display, there are also free Cash for Cans mesh bags you can take with you – handy for storing empty cans until you're ready to take them to a recycling depot.

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Young Frankenstein set to electrify Marloo stage this June

Young Frankenstein Set to Thrill and Chill

In 1974, cinemas came alive with the sounds of Gene Wilder crying "It's Aliiiivvvveee". Young Frankenstein proved to be a cult comedy hit from the mind of Mel Brooks and delighted audiences with it's fun parody of the horror genre. Fast forward 33 years and 2007 saw the premiere of the Broadway Musical based on the film. Now, the musical comes to our doorstep with the Darlington Theatre Players at Marloo Theatre presenting *The Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein'* as its second season for 2024.

Rather than the story of the somewhat famous Dr Victor Frankenstein, this delightfully dark and comedic musical instead follows the exploits of his not-so famous Grandson Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (Felix Malcolm). Inheriting his family's estate in Transylvania, Frankenstein (prounouned Fronkensteen) also inherits the hunchbacked sidekick Igor (Rp van der Westhuizen) and lab assistant Inga (Tatum Stafford). He soon finds himself attempting to create a monster to rival his famous Grandfather's creation. With toe tapping songs, hilarious characters and plenty of spooky fun, Young Frankenstein is sure to delight audiences!

Content Warning: Young Frankenstein contains Adult Themes, Coarse Language and Sexual References and is recommended for adult audiences.

The Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein
Directed by Terence Smith, Musical Direction by Tara Oorjitham and Choreography by Sophie David
14th-29th June 2024
Marloo Theatre, Greenmount
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/CPWDJ

One Act Season

Marloo Theatre's much loved One Act Season is back for 2024 with more shows and more opportunities to catch some up and coming talent. This year's season includes four very different short productions with all four being performed in each of the eight shows.

The Red House Monster, directed by debutants Georgia Stidwell and Brianna Thompson tells the story of Hannah Gold, a young lady living on an island off the coast of Massachusetts in the late 1800s, and the night that changed her life. Filled with small town lore, haunted houses, spirits, monsters, pistols, pie, and mysteries, it is a play that will keep you guessing just what is in the Red House, and who, in fact, you should be afraid of.

Cut, also directed by debutant director Harrison Ricci follows a group of actors as they rehearse a play within a play within a play. As the plot complications multiply, the actors begin to forget who is playing whom and who is the real director – as opposed to the actor who is playing the director, or vice versa. Then they can't seem to remember who they really are, as opposed to the people they are playing in any of the various scripts. Then things start to get confusing...

Bittersweet Lullaby, a musical one-act directed by Kieran Ridgway, sees two struggling songwriters live in the same apartment decades apart. In one magical night, their voices connect through time and they begin a collaboration that leaves them forever changed.

Rounding out the bill is *Dinner For One*, presented by long time DTP member Ray Egan. This farcial comedy was originally a beloved piece of television from 1963 and presents the ever increasing shenanigans as James the Butler serves Miss Sophie at her 90th Birthday. But he also must interact with, serve, drink for and impersonate her four guests (who have passed away). Hilarity is sure to ensue!

Don't miss the DTP One Act Season, coming to Marloo Theatre this August!

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Darlington Arts Festival

Much of the committee's preliminary planning for this year's festival is underway however it would be really good to hear from anyone with graphic design skills and we are always looking for more members to help with exhibitions.

New members are mentored in their chosen roles and have lots of support - noone is thrown in at the deep end. If you are interested contact the Secretary Chris Pemberton via admin@darlingtonartsfestival.com

And talking of new members, we are happy to welcome Suzanne Browne who brings her marketing skills to the committee.

Each year many organisations, businesses and individuals give generously and some have done so for years. Their support is always greatly appreciated - without it the festival would not survive. There is a range of options to choose from such as sponsoring art prizes, donating raffle items or providing general financial assistance. We are talking to previous sponsors and donors but if you are new to Darlington and would like to contribute and be a part of this wonderful festival we would be very pleased to hear from you. As always, anyone interested in supporting the festival is welcome to contact the Secretary Chris Pemberton on admin@darlingtonartsfestival.com

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Jina Lee as 2024 Curator of Sculpture on the Scarp. Jina is a stone sculptor with over 20 years experience. She is a Director of the WA International Stone Sculpture Symposium and has won multiple awards and scholarships, including the Helen Lempriere Scholarship at Sculpture By the Sea Bondi 2022. Jina's works are held in public collections both interstate and overseas.

Sculpture on the Scarp applications open soon – check the website www.darlingtonartsfestival.com

Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides

Inspiring girls to discover the best in themselves and make positive contributions to their community.

The girl guides have been learning about service animals as part of their ANZAC badge. One evening we were very lucky to have along Leanne and her service dog Hillman. One of Hillman's roles is to assist Autistic children in learning and reading and was chosen for his service due to his calm temperament.

On ANZAC Day, the Darlington Dibblers marched alongside ex-service personnel in Bellevue. Its great to be involved and we are very proud of the girls.

The girls have been gaining experience in dinner service with correct table settings and etiquette. We enjoyed learning about how to set a table correctly, especially as it meant that we could enjoy a lovely dinner party together! Thanks to Jocelyn from Mundaring Ranger Guides who helped on the evening.

We welcome new girls aged from 7-12 years. We meet at Kathleen Skipsey Hall – on Glen Road, Darlington on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm during the school term. If you have any queries regarding Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides please contact Karen on 0403233907 or enquire at Girl Guides WA.

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Til 30 June 2024

DRAWING SPACE | Suzanne .k. Franklin
An exhibition of works on paper that, by presenting images stripped to a minimal in their representations of subject, explore possibilities of engaging the viewer in a pure emotive experience through texture, colour, and implied space.

MÉLANGE | Underfoot Artists in Residence
The Underfoot artists group work in residence to transform the white box gallery into a landscape inspired by the encounter and exchange of deep time, geological forces, and the Anthropocene, in readiness for their IOTA24 exhibition *Mélange* at MAC in July. These environmentally dedicated slow makers incorporate the languages of fibre, earth, stitch, dye, and ephemeral layers of voice, video, and performance in their practice.

Underfoot artists: Nien Schwarz, Holly Story, Perdita Phillips, Annette Nykiel, Sharyn Egan, Jane Donlin and Nandi Chinna.

Suzanne .k. Franklin at the Opening of her exhibition Drawing Space. Image by Brad Coleman.

Coming up:

DRAWING SPACE | Artist's Talk

Join artist Suzanne .k. Franklin as she leads us into her exquisite and complex drawings to explore a pure emotive experience through texture, colour and implied space.

Sun 30 June | 1.30 – 2.30pm | Suitable for 15 yrs + | $5 | $4.50 MAC Inc. Members. To be followed by the MAC Inc. Members AGM at 3pm

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A visitor at the opening of stitched & bound. Image by Brad Coleman.

Til – 14 July 2024

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The Darlington Club

Hi Everyone,

Hope all the Mum's enjoyed their special day. We were very spoilt at the Club, with the men doing all the cooking, waiting on us and dishes afterwards.

We started with entree of meatballs made by Steve. Drinks, then the main meal. We had a choice of curry and rice, chicken kiev, a lamb dish, chilli con carne and delicious roasted veggies.

It didn't stop there as soon the sweets were served.

The men did all the washing up, none of us tried to get up when a few plates were broken, with a crash that made us all jump. A small loss for all the effort that was put in.

Thank you once again for all the effort put into making the meal delicious.

Sundowner on the 24th May, then we will be enjoying a delicious soup night on June 7th. Come along and enjoy warm tasty soup, crusty bread and a chat with friends.

Please ring if you are wanting a Membership forms to join the club. It's a great place to get to know people and make new friends.

For existing members please remember fees are due now, so please pay to the account below with your surname in the reference area.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our Friday nights.

Fees to join are $20 per person or $40 for two or family. Payee The Darlington Club Inc. BSB: 633 000, Account: 124527748. Reference Surname and Subs.

Coming Events:

The Club opens at 6.30pm every second Friday at Darlington Lesser Hall. BYO drinks and nibbles.

May 31st	Closed
June 7th	Soup Night
June 14th	Closed
June 21st	Winter Solstice

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Can you help with our building project?

Darlington's much loved Kathleen Skipsey Hall needs some attention, and we're after some advice from any local structural or building engineers, and a signwriter, keen to help this classic old tin building live on in the community for many years to come.

The good news is that our group in the hills is growing. Scouting continues to have an important place in the development of youth here, and around the world. Scouting helps young people develop life skills, grow in self-confidence and gain valuable leadership and team skills as part of the Scout program, in a safe but still adventurous environment. Kathleen Skipsey Hall is also home to the Dibbler Guides, part of the worldwide Girl Guide movement.

This news means that we're outgrowing our space! With the support of our landlord, the Shire of Mundaring, we're hoping to extend the hall to be able to offer these valuable services to more youth in the area, in a safe and more comfortable environment.

We're seeking some advice about how we can make the expansion happen, with some surveying and plans, to then be able to submit to the authorities, and begin the task of seeking grants and financial support for construction. Initially we would be seeking some free support from a suitably qualified person to begin the process.

History

Kathleen Skipsey began guiding in Darlington in 1947, and her husband Jack began the Scout troop, originally meeting in the railway station grounds. After much hard work and fundraising over a number of years, the Guide and Scout Hall was built and officially opened by the Hon. Sir Charles Gairdner in 1957. Sadly Kathleen died suddenly in 1959, and the hall was dedicated to her later that year, as the "Kathleen Skipsey Memorial Hall'. After some asbestos removal several years ago, the signage with her name was removed, and we'd like to have that replaced. If you are able to help, or know someone who would, we'd appreciate it.

Please contact Group Leader Kerry Duncan groupleader@darlingtonscouts.com if you have any suggestions.

New hiking equipment

Thank you to the Shire of Mundaring with the community matching grant, which assisted the group to be able to purchase some new hiking tents and stoves. The Venturer group will be custodians of the equipment, and headed out on the first hike to test out the new gear, on an overnight section of the Bib.

Mothers Day

Our Joeys held a special night for their Mums for Mothers Day, with games, and a special supper.

Australian Jamboree

A number of our Scouts are joining a contingent of 700 from WA attending the Jamboree (AJ2025) in January. Fundraising is madly underway, so if you see any raffles, cake stalls, chocolate sales, sausage sizzles over the next few months please give them your support! We had a great time attending the inaugural Darlington Community Garage Sale, and we look forward to next time.

Darlington Scouts are open to boys and girls, comprising four sections:

- Joey Scouts (age 5-8) Monday
- Cub Scouts (age 8-11) Wednesday
- Scouts (age 11-14) Thursday
- Venturer Scouts (age 14-18) Friday

You are welcome to come along for a couple of weeks before making a commitment to join. For information contact **membership@darlingtonscouts.com**, or **www.darlingtonscouts.com** or the **Darlington Scout Group Facebook page**.

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Every year, ANZAC Day serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by Australian and New Zealand soldiers. Darlington Primary School has a long-standing tradition of hosting an ANZAC day service, bringing together students, staff and the local community.

It is also a time that as a school we take this opportunity to educate students about the importance of this day, fostering a sense of respect and patriotism. This year, our school commemorated ANZAC Day with a special service that not only honoured the brave ANZACs but also marked the first use of our new flagpoles —an addition that added a new layer of dignity to our proceedings.

The new flagpoles were made even more special, with thanks to the generosity of our P&C Committee who funded the purchase of the flag poles. This is just another way our P&C plays a vital role in funding important projects and items for the school, continuously enhancing the learning environment and supporting our educational mission.

This meant the school was able to fly three flags providing a fitting backdrop for our commemorations, enabling us to fly the Australian flag, the Torres Strait flag, and the Aboriginal flag simultaneously.

This year's ANZAC Day service was not just an act of remembrance but a testament to our commitment to honouring the past while looking forward to the future.

The ceremony concluded with the laying of the wreaths at the base of the flag poles, a final gesture of respect and remembrance.

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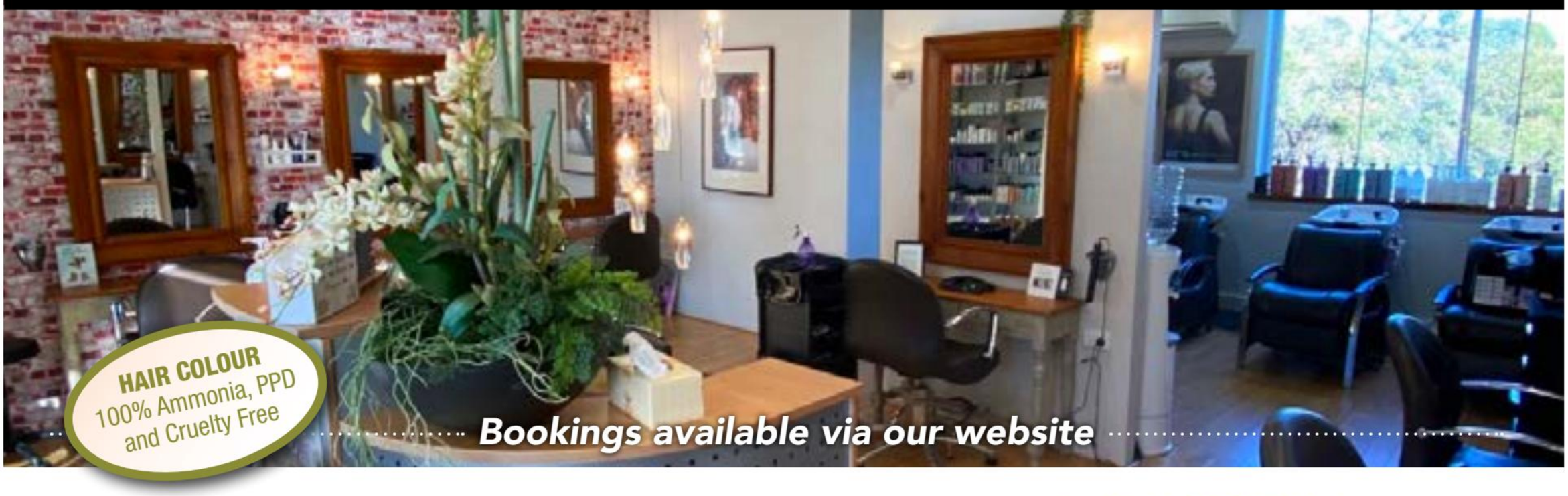

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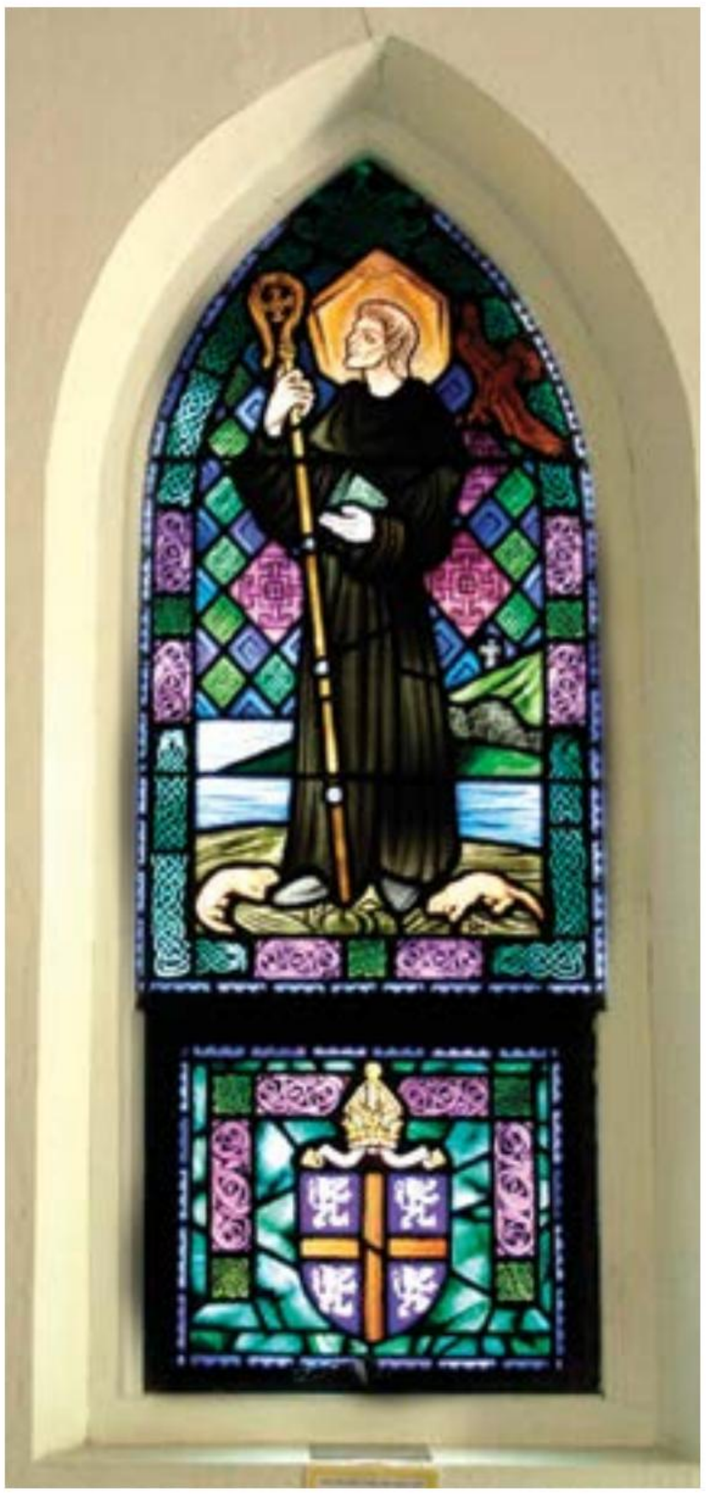

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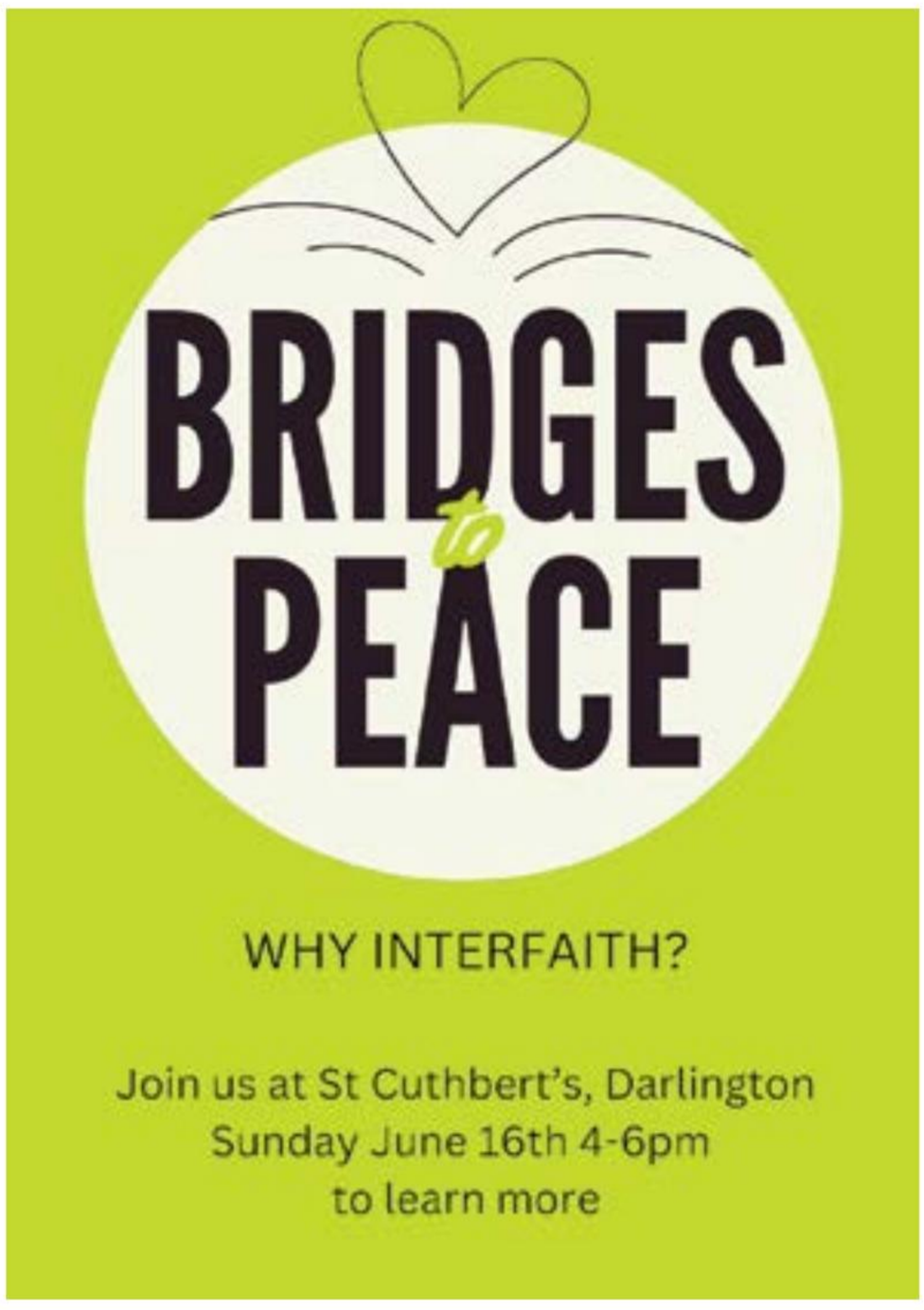

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Helena College is dedicated to nurturing student wellbeing, a cornerstone of its mission to cultivate and motivate students to achieve their best through a holistic approach to child development.

In the Junior School, a key element of our student wellbeing program is the weekly Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) sessions led by the College's on-campus psychologist. These activities are tailored to meet the specific needs of each age group, with discussions and activities designed to be engaging and age-appropriate.

Complementing existing Health and Protective Behaviour learning experiences, SEL lessons provide further opportunities for students to gain and develop greater social and emotional awareness and, to practice interpersonal skills as they learn, develop and grow. The SEL experiences aim to help students learn the competencies and skills they will need to build resilience and effectively manage their emotions, behaviour and relationships with others.

There is much research and evidence that supports the delivery of SEL lessons to students, including positive outcomes for mental health, student's flourishing in their education journey, and, a student's positive future.

During Term One, the focus is on Friendships, which can be particularly challenging at the beginning of the year with new teachers and classmates. In the Early Learning Centre, children learn about making friends, sharing, and kindness. In older year groups, the focus shifts to topics like bullying and standing up for others.

In Term Two, the theme shifts to Feelings. Younger students learn about recognising their own feelings and those of others, while older students explore how thoughts can affect feelings and behaviour.

Term Three emphasises Growth Mindset, encouraging students to embrace challenges and learn from mistakes, viewing them as opportunities for growth.

Diversity is the focus of Term Four, where students learn about similarities and differences, including cultural diversity. They also explore how everyone's strengths and vulnerabilities can be used to achieve great things together. Topics like neurodiversity and mental health are also covered.

This year, students from Kindy to Year 2 have been introduced to Dougie the Dog, a stuffed toy who helps create a sense of comfort and routine. In Term One, students helped Dougie overcome some of his bad habits, fostering a sense of empathy and responsibility.

Helena College firmly believes that the SEL program is vital in building resilience and a positive mindset in students, helping them navigate life's challenges. Underpinning the offerings and learning opportunities at Helena College Junior School is the partnership between school and home. College staff and families strive together to create settings that better support children's social and emotional wellbeing needs - with SEL lessons providing another wonderful platform to do so.

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Kings Park Noongar Six Seasons (Djeran) Excursion

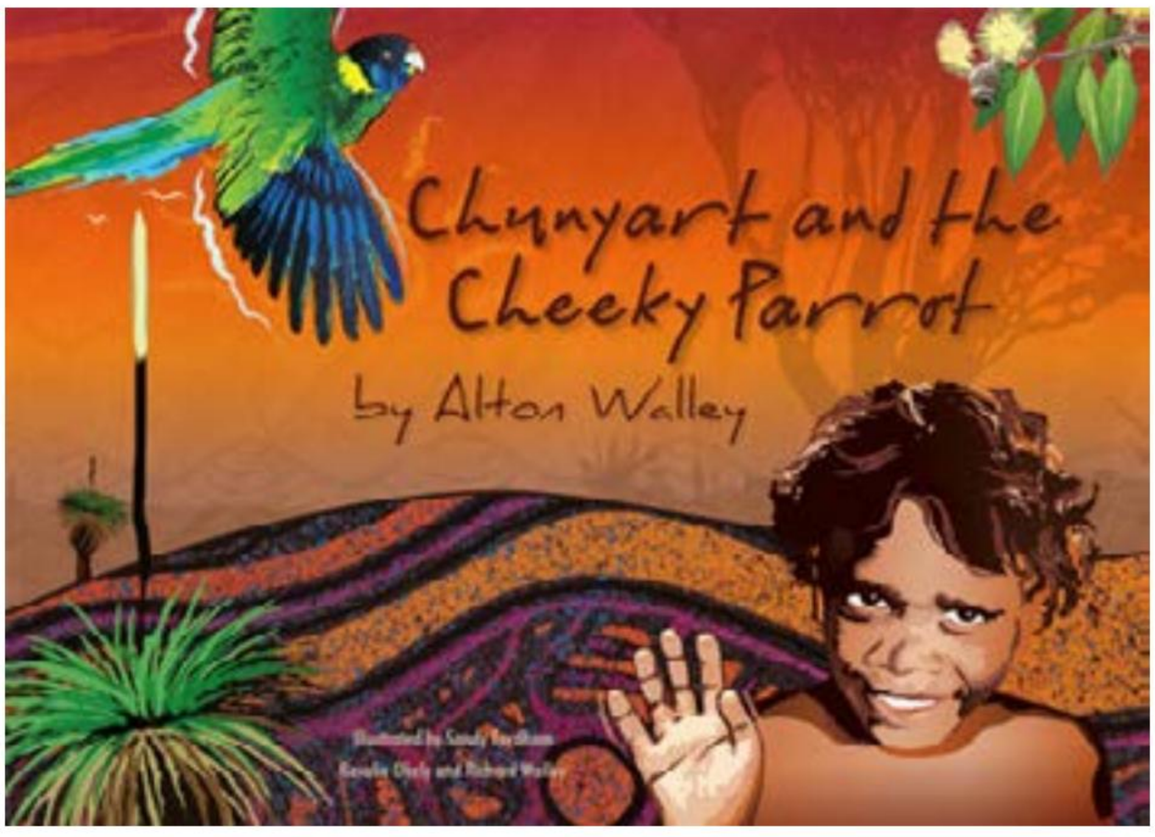
At the end of April, our Year 1-2 (Wattle) class ventured to Kings Park for a cultural excursion, learning about Noongar culture, language and the six Noongar seasons.

Wattle class then enjoyed a scavenger hunt to learn more about the six Noongar seasons before the students had their faces painted as a waalitj (eagle) or noorn (snake).

Students enjoyed learning from the Wadumbah Dance Group who were in turn impressed with the students' knowledge. Initially, they watched a dance about the koolbardies (magpies) bullying the djitty djitty (willy wagtail). Then students participated in a dance of their own about the maambakoort (ocean) and the ngarkal (seagulls).

In the second activity the students were lucky enough to meet Alton Walley, author of Chunyart and the Cheeky Parrot. The story follows…

"A young Nyoongar boy called Chunyart is taking his first journey towards becoming a man. He has much to learn from his family about the land and its useful plants. But with a cheeky parrot for a friend, there is plenty of mischief along the way."



We enter Djeran season in April to May which sees the end of the hot weather and the welcoming of cool nights and dewy mornings. The student's saw this firsthand as they embraced the cold and rain on their journey.

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In and around the Darlington Community Garden

Greetings from the Darlington Community Garden! We hope the community is enjoying this lovely Dejran, Autumn weather where our nights and early mornings have been cool and refreshing. The garden is ready to be planted out with food before the heavy rains of Makuru arrive, signalling the arrival of our winter.

The DCG looks a bit dishevelled at the moment and visitors to the garden will notice that there is road-mix spread around the orchard. As part of the garden design, we are preparing to build paths through the orchard and to bring the overall design for the orchard to life. On the south side of the garden, we have prepared the ground to plant out our south orchard with citrus and nut trees. The planting of the fruit trees in the south orchard will be a community tree planting event, so join us in the DCG to plant a fruit tree for our community to enjoy for years to come. We look forward to building the next phase of the DCG with our Darlington community.

Bees, Bees and more Bees please! Yes, we need to create bee friendly gardens to help these amazing pollinators to thrive in a world that is toxic and, in many ways, dangerous for them. Our friends at Urban Revolution Australia, have a list of plants to help us grow a garden which bees will love to visit. Apart from plants, we can also create spaces for shelter and water for honey bees and our native bees and, we may even attract other beneficial insects into our gardens. If our gardens, are providing everything pollinators and other beneficial insects need in order for them to express their full life cycle, then they will live and thrive in our gardens.

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The DCG committee would like to thank People on Bicycles for facilitating a great day of fun on May 5 2024, for the community. Participants, who were adults and children learned basic bike skills and then set off a ride on the heritage trail for a group ride. The second part of the workshop, participants received training on how to maintain their bike; from pumping up tyres to servicing brakes and chain. Thanks to the RAC sponsorship, these workshops were free. Many thanks to Tracey Peacock from the Shire of Mundaring for coordinating this workshop.

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Friends of Darlington Station Reserve (FODS)

No Mum, I don't need to interview you

When I told my mum that I was given the opportunity to write the FODS column for the June Review, she was very quick to ask 'Do you want to interview me?'. Bless her cotton socks, not living in Darlington and only passing through the reserve to head for coffee when dog sitting for us, I politely declined her offer. But maybe it would have been an interesting and entertaining outcome.

Thanks to my lovely FODS neighbour Marg, I signed up almost 4 years ago shortly after moving to Darlington. And still being reasonably new, I'm honoured to be asked to write this on behalf of the fabulous FODS team.

Bringing out the soaker hose

Having said all that, I better get on with the task at hand. We're all very well aware at the lack of rain, so we continue to water fortnightly to help give last years plantings a fighting chance. We've even bought out the soaker hose to help some more established areas cope.

And with some luck, by the time this is published, the FODSGODS (who traditionally give us sunny dry mornings for our fortnightly catch ups) are delivering the rain goods. So we live in hope and after lots of tidying, clearing away dead growth and branches and raking the paths, we are starting to prep for this years planting. You may see some areas being protected by mesh/wire as we try our hand at sowing some native grass seeds.

So after all this time, I guess I better take my mum for a stroll and show her what we do around the reserve. And if you're a newbie to the area, joining a group like FODS is an amazing chance to gain local knowledge about our beautiful flora and gardening in the Perth Hills. Also it's a great way to meet new friends and locals. A special shout goes out to my friend Rowe, former Darlington local, now living in Melbourne but whom I met at FODS. We all miss you!

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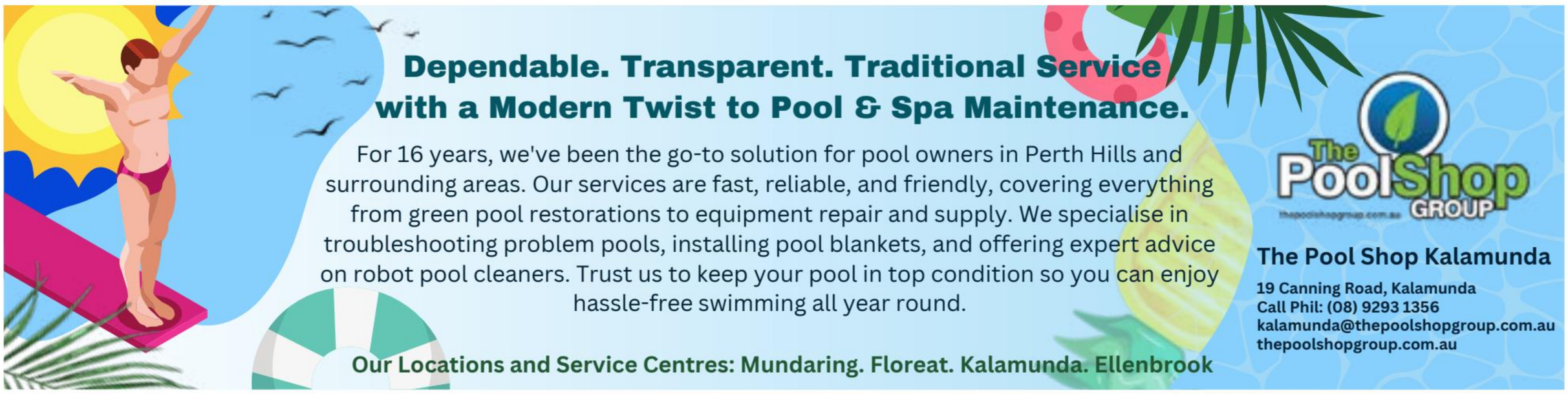
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